

DAY RAPS CONGRESS HARD

Chancellor of Syracuse University Breaks Out In Another Diatribe on "Control."

LILLIPUTIANS ARE HAMPERING CAPITAL

"Millionaire-phobia" Is the Name He Applies to the Movement for Government Supervision of Corporations

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Chancellor Day of Syracuse university, whose championship of Rockefeller and the Standard Oil company was a widely quoted contribution to current political discussion, continues to denounce warmly the movement for legislative control of the aggregations of wealth.

This movement he terms "millionaire-phobia," the forthcoming issue of *Lilliputians* and continues:

"For some time we have been in the grip of this mighty quest over corporate wealth and swollen fortunes. These current phrases are from a high source. All of our national ills are being stated in this formula:

"Down with the rich. Punish the swollen fortunes. Make the rich poor and all the poor will be rich. Destroy the corporations, hamper the trusts, strangle them in the press, tie the strings of the lilliputians to them in congress and bind them, and the individual can have a chance. Make the fortunes of the great sufficiently small and uncertain by petty legislative restrictions and control and we shall not be troubled by the genius of a Rockefeller, a Hill, a Morgan, a Carnegie, a Swift or an Armour. The little men will be big enough for the little things that are done. It is a crime for several men to have developed the power of giving employment to 50,000 or 100,000 men."

He adds: "Probably no men in this country are more disqualified for the control and supervision of the corporations or of swollen fortunes than the majority of legislators. Any proposition from that source to supervise and control the wealth of the land is a gigantic piece of impotence that to coming generations will be incredible."

"Courts of justice," continues the chancellor, "are dragged into subservience to executive authority; men are being condemned without conviction and told to clear themselves after they are condemned if they want mercy. Commerce, traffic, transportation and manufacturers are placed under espionage and haled before the courts and threatened with regulation by socialist law, until men no longer know what property is of the rights of business as once interpreted by those principles which were supposed to have been established by the wisdom of the centuries."

"I predict," he says in conclusion, "that we are passing through a epoch that will stand in future times to our everlasting disgrace and shame. We are phenomenally blessed by Providence. We are staided by the calm confidence and signal ability of the greatest men ever known in the commercial world. But if this mania continues, it is not far to a crash that will carry down all confidence, ignore all property rights, block the wheels of all progress and wreck not only the millions' fortunes, but the laborer's cottages. The demand of the hour is the control of the controller. Swollen fortunes are a thousand fold less dangerous to our land and people than swollen demagoguery."

SAN DIEGO'S RAILROAD IS DULY ORGANIZED

Spreckels' New Company Has Taken Over the San Diego Eastern's Property.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 17.—At a meeting of the new San Diego and Arizona Railroad company, incorporated last week, John D. Spreckels was elected president, William Clayton, vice-president, and Harry L. Thies, secretary, treasurer and attorney.

The new company will take over the rights of way, franchises, surveys and all other property of the San Diego Railroad company, which was incorporated as the San Diego Eastern railroad, in order that they may acquire the property.

The San Diego and Arizona will thus secure a franchise along the water front and through National City, beside rights of way across a large portion of the country between here and the mountains. The committee has also acquired property suitable for terminal facilities and it has completed a survey from here to the Imperial Valley and a preliminary survey from there to El Paso, Texas.

VESSEL IS LIFELIFTED ON BEHALF OF CREW. WHO WERE ILL TREATED

HONOLULU, Dec. 17.—The ship W. F. Rubenick, bound from Baltimore for Astoria, which put in at this port several days ago, short of provisions, has been libeled for \$200,000 damages by the crew. The sailors allege that they received neither sufficient nor proper kind of food on the voyage. A number of them were sick with scurvy when the ship put in here.

STOCKTON CHANNEL TO BE CLEARED OUT

Government Will Expend \$15,000 on the Work to Give Temporary Relief.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 17.—The government is to expend \$15,000 this year to clear out the bay formed in Stockton channel at the junction with the Mokelumne river. This information was conveyed to Mayor Gardner today by Colonel Bear, the government engineer.

The recent rains sent down a freshet, forming a sand bar, which effectively closed the channel to navigation. Captain De Merritt, of San Francisco, connected with the government engineering corps, was sent to Stockton today to take soundings, with a view to having the channel dredged out. It is believed that the government work will at least relieve the situation until the diverting canal to be constructed east of the city to turn the flood waters into the Calaveras river can be completed.

HAEFNER'S VICTIM DIED OF WOUNDS

She Maintained to the Last that She Was Not His Wife, But Garrison's.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The woman whom Joseph Haefner shot in a saloon at First and Fulton streets Saturday night, is dead. The admission has been made by Mrs. Jennie Morgan of Oakland, the mother of the woman, that she was the wife of Haefner, although she maintained to the end that she was the wife of Roy Garrison, who also received bullet wounds at the hands of Haefner. Garrison lies in a hospital at the point of death.

The body of Haefner, who killed himself after the shooting, lies at the morgue, and his parents in Ohio have been telegraphed to in an effort to ascertain what disposition they wish made of the remains.

RISK LIVES ON WALLS

Shaky Work Done Eighty Feet In the Air.

Gangs Engaged in Wrecking Buildings in San Francisco Ruins.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Creeping about on top of smoky and crumbling brick walls two feet wide, some eighty feet above a tangled mass of debris on the ground below, half a dozen men have been working for the past several days, slowly tearing down, brick by brick, the dangerous ruins of the Poodle Dog restaurant, at Elder and Mason streets. The work is of a kind that few persons could relish and life insurance companies condemn as "extra hazardous."

The work of a wrecker in San Francisco today, even under the best of conditions, is not of the most desirable character imaginable. The live or six men who are employed by R. S. Brown & Co., the firm which is pulling down the dangerous ruins with the aid of a monster traction engine under contract with the city, risk their lives many times every day. They are compelled to climb up high on tattering walls in order to make fast the big steel cables by which the engine pulls them down. When, on almost every job, it is necessary to establish the hoists after a portion of the wall has been brought down, and this is the most dangerous of all. Single cables and often huge masses of masonry fall of their own accord or upon the slightest jar, after the first pull has been made, and the men stand a chance of being crushed or thrown to the ground when working under these circumstances. Fortunately, however, there have been few accidents thus far in any of the work.

The city's gangs were engaged most of yesterday in the vicinity of Bush, Stockton and Powell streets. Most of the afternoon was spent on the ruins of the old Anglo apartment building, on Stockton street, just above Bush. The rear walls of this building towered above the French church property fronting on Bush street and threatened the workmen, who have begun to rebuild this structure. It was at the request of the contractors that this menace was yesterday removed.

A policeman, by order of the president of the Board of Public Works, ordered the work on the ruins of the old Palace Hotel stopped yesterday morning. E. W. McLean of the contracting firm appealed to the district attorney, and after a consultation with President Duffey of the board, the work was allowed to proceed until Monday.

The contractors are rushing the work, and are now engaged in pulling down the side wings of the building and will remove these before the front is touched, when they expect to remove the menace to Market street traffic in about two days. They have installed another big hoisting engine and are erecting a second large derrick for loading teams. A big rock crusher is also being installed, and all broken brick and stone will be crushed and sold for railroad ballast and concrete making.

TO BREAK THE COAL FAMINE

Interstate Commerce Commission Has Made the Railroads Take Action.

OFFICIALS PROMISE COAL SUPPLY SOON

Investigation By Franklin K. Lane Reveals that Coal Cars Crawl at Snail's Pace—Letters from the Magnates.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—The fuel famine of the Northwest will be broken within twenty-four hours, as a result of the interstate commerce commission's inquiry in this city today. The commission was represented by James S. Harlan of Chicago, and Franklin K. Lane of San Francisco. Lane is taking personal charge of the fuel famine inquiry, while Harlan is busily engaged in the coal shortage inquiry.

It was decided that since the fuel famine was the more important, there being already many reports at hand of suffering from the cold in North Dakota, it should be the first to be handled and settled. Lane questioned E. C. Blanchard, division superintendent of the Northern Pacific at Duluth, and D. M. Philbin, assistant general agent of the Great Northern road at Duluth, today. Before Lane had finished his examination, both witnesses had promised that relief would be forthcoming within the next twenty-four hours and order have been given to rush coal to the suffering towns, all other traffic being made secondary until supplies shall have been furnished.

It puzzled the attorneys and judges of the commission in the afternoon session why it was that it took a freight car on the average about thirteen days to make a trip that could be made at a ten-mile rate in twenty-five hours.

E. C. Blanchard, general superintendent of the Northern Pacific at Duluth, by whose testimony this situation was brought out, explained it by stating that he had frequently delayed the transporting of a car, and that various other causes contributed to the delay of the car in transit. According to the testimony of the Northern Pacific officials, it would not be uncommon for a freight car to move from point to point at the rate of little less than a mile an hour.

The stated that there was an increase in shipments in every commodity—grain and lumber from the east, merchandise, coke, coal and wood products.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Investigation of the present fuel famine crisis in the Northwest must not stop with the investigation of the interstate commerce commission, now in Mississippi. It is probable that in every affected state, but notably Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Montana, the subject will be made a matter for legislative investigation.

Northwestern coal dealers have indicated to the large shippers here that they plan to stir up an official investigation in their states. Towns that are suffering now, or have been held in the grasp of winter and the famine, want to know the cause before their legislators, and are making that the subject to be brought up at the coming sessions of the state legislatures and action taken to prevent a repetition.

The race is on between the railroads and the cold. If the weather wins, cutting down the efficiency of motive power and bringing on heavy blizzards, there will be suffering and loss of life. But reports today indicate that the railroads are making head into the winter, for there is either an actual want of stocks or low. The Great Northern is taking no full carload of coal from the west, but the Northern Pacific has sent out 300 cars of fuel for commercial use in the last two days. At the storage docks at the head of the lakes, the dock companies are ordered to load as fast as possible for commercial use.

According to the Great Northern of the coal shortage at Great Northern points in North Dakota will be a thing of the past in a very few days. From Minn. N. D. reports say that in some portions of the country farmers are tearing up their fence and using them for fuel.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Three more responses have come to the interstate commerce commission from Northwest coal shippers in response to Chairman Knapp's telegram of last week, calling attention to the reported shortage in cars and the complaints of a lack of transportation for the necessities of life and of fuel. Telegrams were sent by the chairman to the presidents of six of the great Western and Northwestern roads and replies have now been received from all of them.

From the information conveyed by the railroad companies today, the commissioners expect that the cause for the shortage in fuel is that the dealers have not stored up in advance sufficient quantities for the winter supply, but have, as stated in the reply by President James J. Hill of the Great Northern, ordered only a sufficient supply to last from day to day.

Whatever shortage may exist in car equipment, they say, is aggravated by the lack of motive power, inadequate terminal facilities and insufficient trackage, properly to move the great volume of business pouring in on the

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Commercially, there is Room in Eastern Asia for the Commerce of All Nations—Fair Play a Japanese Trait.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—After reviewing the amiable relations long existing between the United States and Japan, Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, tonight declared that he was fully alive to the magnitude of Japan's obligation to this country, the memory of which would be a lasting monument of the cordial friendship that cemented the two nations. East-

ern Asia, he said, was large enough for the commerce of all nations, and the dream of the pessimist who saw the phantom of a struggle between the United States and Japan for the supremacy of the Pacific, was too ridiculous to be made the subject of serious thought.

Ambassador Aoki was the guest of honor at the dinner of the American Asiatic association, held at the Waldorf-Astoria. Among the other guests were Percy Sunderland, British consul general in New York, Charles B. Tenney, formerly president of the United States, and Arthur M. Knapp, editor of the Japanese Daily Advertiser, Yokohama. T. M. Iyook, consul for the Japanese embassy, Harold M. Sewall, a former United States consul in Japan.

Ambassador Aoki said in part: "I am aware that the sense of this association, in regard to the relations between Japan and the United States, which has so often found fitting expression in former occasions, is based on the recognition of the broad principle that the interests of the United States and the empire of Japan are identical and that therefore the best of reasons exist for the most cordial friendship between the two countries."

"Historically speaking, it was the United States that reaped the benefit of the decision within which Japan in her own country literature and art, which were the product of the time of peace. It was the United States that half a century ago offered to Japan the right hand of fellowship and introduced her into the intercourse of nations, which has in turn brought into the empire all the benefits of what is known as the western civilization."

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"Turning to the commercial aspect of the question, the plain facts should not be lost sight of that the Pacific ocean is a vast expanse of water, that the territories of Japan and the United States nowhere touch each other, and that Eastern Asia, with more than 500,000,000 of souls, is large enough to give room for the commerce of all nations, including that of Japan and the United States. The dream of the pessimist who sees the phantom of the struggle for supremacy between Japan and the United States for control of the Pacific is too ridiculous to be the subject of serious comment."

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INDIANS APPEARED BEFORE CONVENTION

Makers of Oklahoma's Constitution Are Urged to Respect the Tribal Customs.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 17.—Quinn Barker, chief of the Comanche Indians, and a committee of chiefs of the Kiowa, Comanche, Apache and Cheyenne Indians appeared before the constitutional convention today to protest against county division and to ask the convention not to interfere with their systems or habits.

It was reported to the convention that the body would incur a deficiency of \$125,800 and a committee was appointed to memorialize congress to appropriate \$150,000.

U. S. Supreme Court Receds.

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PRINTERS' STRIKE IN SERVICE.

BEVERLY, Nev., Dec. 17.—As the result of a printers' strike, no newspapers in this city were issued today. Newspaper proprietors declare that the printers, in order to make it impossible to content on and thus to facilitate the passage of a bill, authorizing a foreign loan.

BANK CASHIER WAS A BRILLIANT OPERATOR

He Is Alleged to Have Covered Up Defalcations of Nearly One Million Dollars.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17.—In the information made by National Bank Examiner Cunningham against cashier J. B. Rinehart, of the Farmers and Traders' National bank of Watford, Pa., which was closed by order of the comptroller of the currency last Wednesday, defalcations amounting to \$920,000 are alleged.

The cashier is charged in the counts with "unlawfully and knowingly making false entries in a report of the financial condition of the bank made to the comptroller as required by law."

Examiner Cunningham alleges that counterfeit and notes and bills received were reported as \$8000, when they amounted to \$800,000 and \$18,638 charged as coming from approved agents when in fact only \$10,000 was due. It is stated that cashier Rinehart will surrender to the government authorities.

BAKERSFIELD MAN BADLY BEATEN UP

His Skull Is Horribly Fractured as the Result of a Personal Encounter.

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 17.—In a personal encounter at the oil fields, Henry Penzinger, a well-known resident of this city, was struck over the head with a hammer by a workman named Floyd and so seriously injured that he may die. His skull was fractured on the whole of one side, the bone sustaining five distinct breaks. An operation was performed by Doctors Carson and Fowler, and the depression lifted from the brain and part of the skull removed. Penzinger is semi-conscious tonight, but cannot articulate. No arrests were made, as eye witnesses to the affray testified that Penzinger was the aggressor.

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 17.—The rescue party running the tunnel to rescue L. B. Hicks, the embolus miner, is tonight directly above him, but despite this they will not be able to take him from his cave for many hours yet, on account of the great danger that a false stroke of the pick or too hurried progress will precipitate the loosened debris on the miner.

Early today the rescuers drove through the last seam of granite, in which they have been working for some time, and broke into the hole and took of the cave-in. Calculations were made and it was determined that they were directly above Hicks. Through his pipe, the miner shouted to the shaft above that he could hear the rescue party, but that he must be taken in sliding the last few feet, as a great boulder hung loosely above him, and the slightest jar might release its great weight on his helpless body. Accordingly, the last few feet of earth will be hoisted cautiously.

The rescue will probably not be consummated before daylight.

FAST PASSENGER DASHED INTO FREIGHT

Engineer Stuck to His Post and Saved Many Lives, But Was Fatally Injured.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The New York Central train known as the "Buffalo Local," a fast train running between New York and Buffalo, was wrecked about a mile east of Buffalo this afternoon. The engineer was fatally injured and the entire train was burned.

A local freight was taking water at the pumping station when another freight train ran into the rear of the first freight, knocking the caboose and a coal car over on the passenger track. The crew stated to flag the "Buffalo Local," which was due, but before this could be done the local crashed into the heavy train car, throwing the engine down on a embankment.

The baggage car was thrown partly off the rails, but none of the other cars left the tracks. Everyone in the passenger cars was badly shaken up, but none seriously injured. Engineer Horning of the passenger train, who he sticking to his post nobly saved many lives, was terribly injured.

TRYING TO ARRANGE THAW'S EARLY TRIAL

Argument on Motion to Dismiss Because of Delay Was First Postponed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Arguments on the motion of Harry K. Thaw's attorney for a speedy trial or a dismissal of the indictment charging him with murder of Stanford White, was postponed today until tomorrow.

John R. Gleason of counsel for Thaw later had an extended conference with District Attorney Jerome. It was reported that Jerome and Gleason were arranging for an early trial for Thaw, but neither of them would make a statement regarding the matter.

Operator Blamed for Wreck.

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BARRETT'S VIEW OF AFFAIRS

Our Minister to Colombia Spoke Freely at a Banquet Given at Portland, Oregon.

SHOULD DOUBLE TRADE WITH SOUTH AMERICA

Japanese Controversy in San Francisco Will Be Settled With Credit to All Concerned If Patience Be Shown.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—John Barrett, United States minister to Colombia, was the guest of honor and the principal speaker tonight at a banquet tendered by the Commercial club. Barrett said the nations of South America present markets for nearly every commodity produced or manufactured in this country. Latin-America, he said, showed last year a foreign trade, export and import, amounting to nearly \$1,800,000,000. Nearly a billion dollars of this was imports, of which this country furnished only about \$200,000,000 worth, notwithstanding these countries are our closest neighbors.

Of the exports from Latin-America, Barrett declared only 20 per cent came to this country. Barrett said this country should double this trade and that the Pacific coast should show immediate and especial energy in order that when the Panama canal is completed, ten years hence, its trade will be greatly established. At a time when the Pacific coast is threatened with development of conditions and is confronted with differences that may handicap or even cut off its commerce with Japan and China, Barrett said, it is particularly fitting for the Pacific coast to look to Latin-America, where there are no dangers of an invading army of foreign labor and no prospects of a disastrous competition in manufactures and production.

"The present situation in California is indeed serious and unfortunate and the problem is no easy one to solve, but the solution will be reached. It will be reached with honor and satisfaction to all concerned, if studied patiently and impartially with a view to the welfare of all concerned. There are two sides to every question. California has a right to its opinion and the administration to its contentions," said Barrett.

California, he said, naturally looked at the question from a local point, while the administration takes an international view. This does not mean, he said, that either or both are wrong. Without discussing the pros and cons of the present social issue in San Francisco, Barrett spoke for temperate judgment, avoidance of rioting and mutual incidents "pending the sincere efforts of the president, who, despite some public criticism, is deeply concerned in the progress and prosperity of the Pacific coast, the conduct of negotiations with Japan that will solve the problem in a way agreeable to all."

REBATE INVESTIGATION SOUTH OF TEHACHAPI

Los Angeles Grand Jury Is Proceeding Vigorously In Regard to the Matter.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—The investigation by the federal grand jury into alleged rebates by the Santa Fe and one or two other railroad companies, which was begun several weeks ago, is being prosecuted with increased vigor and it is expected that a report will be handed down by the end of the present week. Rumors are current that indictments will be returned.

Counsel for the Santa Fe and United States District Attorney Lawler had a spirited argument in court today over a subpoena issued for J. E. Cole, chief clerk of the claim department of the road, which counsel for the company sought to have quashed. The subpoena called for the production of important papers and records which the railroad evidently desired should not be brought into court. Judge Wellborn, however, decided in favor of the government.

Attorneys for the Santa Fe at once announced that they would appeal the point to the United States circuit court of appeals.

It was also learned today that Virgil Sappenfield, the former clerk of the Santa Fe, who is serving a ninety-day sentence in the county jail for embezzlement, has been before the grand jury every day for a week. Sappenfield has claimed that he was in possession of important information relative to rebates granted.

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Gottschalks

A Great Sale of Holiday Silks

Beginning today we are going to feature the most extraordinary silk purchase that has been made in Fresno for some time — over 2500 yards of the most dependable black taffetas. This sale will be doubly attractive, not alone because of the very low price, but coming just at a time when you are wondering what to buy for that Christmas present. Nothing could be more acceptable or more appreciated as a gift than a beautiful silk dress or waist pattern.

- 39c** For Black Taffeta Worth 50c
19 inch Black Taffeta in Swiss finish; used extensively for linings, drop skirts, etc. A splendid quality at 50c. Sale price **39c**
- 69c** For Black Taffeta Worth 85c
24 inch Black Taffeta; half chiffon finish; a good black, used mostly for rufflings and drop skirts. Regular 85c value. Sale price **69c**
- 58c** Black Taffeta Worth 75c at
27 inch Black Taffeta; natural finish; guaranteed to wear and not crack. A standard silk at a very low price. Regular 75c value. At **58c**
- 89c** Black Taffeta Worth \$1.00 for
27 inches wide; superior quality of yarn dyed silk; specially guaranteed to wear. A regular \$1.00 value. On sale at **89c**
- 98c** For Black Taffeta Worth \$1.39
27 inches Black Taffeta; extra firm, heavy quality rich blacks; elegant for skirts and full suits. A regular \$1.39 value. Sale price **98c**
- 75c** For Black Taffeta Worth \$1.00
Full 36 inches wide; a good black. Extra fine grade of silk for the money. Just think, 36 inches wide and only **75c**. Regular \$1.00 value.
- 98c** Black Taffeta Worth \$1.25 at
36 inches wide; a rich lustrous black; even quality of yarn dyed silk. If you want a good black skirt you should see this number. Sale price **98c**
- \$1.25** Black Taffeta Worth \$1.50 at
34 inches wide; a beautiful rich lustrous half Swiss finish. A beautiful black for a swell suit. Regular \$1.50 silk. Sale price **\$1.25**. Don't miss this.

Santa Claus in Toyland every day from 10 till 11 a. m. and from 2 to 4 p. m.

Gottschalk's "Toy Land" a Center For Holiday Shoppers



Dolls Dressed and to Dress

This house has ever been noted for its complete stock of dolls, both dressed and to dress. This season finds us with a larger and more varied assortment than ever.

- Kid Body Dolls at 25c.**
Bisque head, movable eyes, jointed limbs, shoes and stockings, 12 1/2 inches long.
- Kid Body Dolls at 50c.**
Bisque head, movable eyes, jointed body; open mouth showing teeth, curly hair, 16 inches.
- Others larger at 75c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50.
- "Kestner's" Kid Body Dolls.**
Riveted hip, knee, arm and elbow joints, beautiful bisque heads, closing eyes, extra fine quality of sewed and parted wig, long curly hair, lace stockings and shoes. They come from \$2.25 to \$6.50.
- Dressed Dolls at 10c.**
Movable head, glass eyes, curly hair, painted shoes and stockings, 25 styles.
- Dressed Dolls at 15c.**
Papier mache body, movable head, arms and legs, glass eyes, curly hair, 20 styles.
- Dressed Dolls at 25c.**
Papier mache body, movable limbs and head, long Rembrandt hair, prettily dressed, 50 styles.
- Dressed Dolls at 35c.**
Movable bisque head, go-to-sleep eyes, long Rembrandt hair, dainty dresses, 12 styles.
- Dressed Dolls at 50c.**
Bisque head, closing eyes, Rembrandt hair, lace stockings and shoes, flexible hip and knee joints, fancy dress goods, lace and ribbon bows, 25 styles.
- Dressed Dolls at 50c.**
"The Baby Ruth," one of the daintiest dolls made. Imported only by ourselves for Fresno. Movable bisque head, closing eyes, pretty dress, good lace and ribbon trimmed.

Glove and merchandise orders will help the uncertain giver. We issue them for any amount and for any article in stock.

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ASSOCIATED OIL CO. ISSUES MORE BONDS FROM TREASURY RESERVE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17. —Officials of the Associated Oil Company have decided upon another bond issue from the treasury reserve to the par amount of \$1,500,000. The issue already has been underwritten by a syndicate of New York and San Francisco capitalists at \$900 for each \$1000 share. The company also has raised the price of its stock from a par value of \$1 a share to \$100, exchanging stock with holders at that rate.

TRAIN WRECK DUE TO MALICIOUS ACTIONS CAUSED FIREMAN'S DEATH

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17. —Andrew Myers, fireman is dead; C. J. Lynn, engineer, scalded badly and two others slightly injured as the result of the derailling of a Texas and Pacific train, supposedly by train wreckers, at Waterport, thirty-two miles west of here. This is said to be the third recent attempt to derail the same train. It was going at full speed and the mail and baggage cars piled on top of it.

Funeral Notice.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary E. Blake will take place this morning at 10 o'clock from the St. John's Catholic church. Interment Mt. View cemetery.

Nevada Mines.

All Nevada mining shares bought and sold. Latest prices of the San Francisco and Goldfield exchanges. Call and see us.

SHEPHERD-TRAGUE CO.

1101 J Street.

New Location.

Dr. Haml, osteopath, has removed to Fresno Land Co. Bldg. Rm. 207-S.

Kodaks and Photo Supplies. Full line at Baker & Colson's.

FIND BALANCE LEFT IN FUNDS

Convention Committee Announce Financial Results.

Pro Rata of Balance is Returned to Contributors—Thanks Expressed.

Mayor W. P. Lyon and J. M. Collins, J. B. Myers, Grant Falkenstein, J. D. Stathum and P. W. Keisker, the other members of the committee of arrangements for the recent convention of the California League of Municipalities, which was held in this city last week, completed yesterday their work of figuring out the contributions and expenditures for the convention. The statement as presented shows a total of contributions of \$572.50, with expenditures of about \$425, the sum of \$147 being returned to various contributors to the fund for entertaining the visiting delegates in sums in proportion to the amount which each firm or person contributed.

The list of contributions is as follows:

Fresno City	\$200.00
Fresno Gas Company	25.00
Sun Joaquin Power Company	25.00
Royal Arch Lodge	25.00
Valley Foundry	10.00
Kutner-Goldstein Co.	10.00
Redlick Bros.	10.00
C. A. Schweizer	5.00
Holland & Holland	5.00
Donahoe, Emmons & Co.	5.00
Harrett, Hicks & Co.	5.00
Fisher-Glassford Co.	5.00
C. S. Pierce Lumber Co.	5.00
J. H. Williams	5.00
J. H. Burnett	5.00
Total	\$572.50

Expenditures.

Paid bills for bands, \$50; hall, smoker, auto hire, printing, banquet and parlor, lecture club; souvenirs	\$309.15
Cash refunded contributors	143.00
Total	\$542.15

Balance on hand to pay out—standing accounts \$30.35

The report shows that the convention was a success from the point of view of finances, as well as for the discussion and taking of action on important questions, which are now facing the various cities of California.

The committee of arrangements, through Mayor W. P. Lyon, sent out last evening the following statement concerning the finances of the convention to the various contributors to the fund for entertaining the delegates:

"I take pleasure in reminding the enclosed check, representing your pro rata of funds left on hand after paying bills incurred in the entertainment of the State Municipal League. At the same time allow me to thank you for your extreme courtesy in responding so liberally to our request for funds. We are also indebted to the California Wine association and the Barton vineyard for wines furnished the banquet gratuitously. The Nov. city theater management furnished the theater free, as well as the performance. Yours respectfully,"

"W. PARKER LYON."

COURT CASES AND ARRESTS BY POLICE

"Dope" Fiend Thought He Had Needles in His Neck.

E. J. Judge Briggs had another "dope" fiend before him yesterday morning in the person of J. Retenbauer, who was under the strange hallucination that he had needles in his neck. The man got down on his knees before his honor and with the tears streaming down his cheeks, begged to be released so that he could see a doctor and have the needles extracted. He was given thirty days in which to get over the effects of the drugs.

Ed Tate and Frank Williams, vagrants, were ordered to leave town at once, under a suspended sentence of thirty days.

Yvesdo Kipling and Francis Vago, evidently laboring under the delusion that the First National bank was a saloon or restaurant, while slightly intoxicated yesterday morning, entered the building and proceeded to make themselves at home. They were about to enjoy a nice lunch in the bank when they were rudely escorted to jail by Officers Enos, Machin and Stevens, who had been called by the bank attendants.

C. J. Benson, proprietor of the Fresno House on Tulare street, swore to a warrant in Justice Smith's court yesterday, charging W. P. Yancy with jumping his bond bill, amounting to \$10. Yancy pleaded not guilty at his preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon and was committed to jail in default of a \$10 bond.

John Albert of Fowler, arrested by Constable Mason Saturday night, on a warrant sworn out by his wife charging him with disturbance, entered a plea of not guilty at his preliminary hearing before Judge Smith yesterday morning. He was released on his own recognizance.

IS HERE TO STUDY COUNTY CLERK METHODS

W. R. Curtin Is to Fill Office in Madera After First of Year.

W. R. Curtin, recently elected county clerk of Madera county, is in Fresno to spend a week or two studying the clerical methods pursued in the office of County Clerk Miles. Yesterday he obtained an appointment as deputy clerk, and will spend the time actively in the office, performing the various duties that are required in this important position.

Mr. Curtin hopes to effect a number of reforms in the Madera office, and will give his time assiduously to that end. There has been much complaint among the attorneys of that county with regard to the way records have been kept and important papers filed, and there is much room for improvement. Mr. Curtin is a young man of considerable energy and pleasant address.

Hearst Bound for New York.
MADISON CITY, Dec. 17. —William B. Hearst and his party left Gonzales yesterday in Hearst's car, the Constitution. They are bound for New York.

Ring Main 87.
For your drug wants. Prompt service.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers have been recorded during the past twenty-four hours:

- D. I. Bauman et ux. to L. R. Rogers, southeast 1/4 of section 31, township 13 south, range 22 east; north-east 1/4 of section 6, township 14 south, range 22 east; southwest 1/4 of section 31, township 13 south, range 22 east; \$10.
- L. J. Arrants et ux. to Charles Allen, lot 3 of Briggs' Selma tract; \$10.
- N. Peterson et ux. to N. H. Tengel, southeast 1/4 of northeast 1/4 of section 27, township 11 south, range 19 east; \$10.
- O. J. Woodward et ux. to H. Radin and A. Kamp, lots 1 and 2 and north-west 1/4 of lot 3, block 2; \$10.
- B. G. Saklem et ux. to Mike Oertli, lot 11, Highland tract; \$10.
- Jennie E. Smith to Nellie L. Clark, north half of lot 13, Clovis colony; \$10.
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- Elsie L. Smith to J. R. Alongie, lots 25 and 26, block 7, Altamont addition; \$10.

TOOK HIS HORSE INTO NEXT WORLD

An Arabian horse of rare intelligence has been put to death at Hollis, Long Island, because the owner Daniel Carpenter, a prominent real estate operator of the town, who is critically ill of an incurable malady could not bear the thought of leaving his faithful steed behind him perhaps to fall into unkind hands.

For nearly thirty years the horse, a noble animal of sturdy courage, was Carpenter's most constant companion. It drew its master wherever he went and was so loved that it had long borne the name "Baby Carpenter," given to it by the family. It was fed out of the hand and would follow the daughter around with its nose over her shoulder. It was known to everybody in the neighborhood, and was a general pet.

The horse and its master grew old together. When sickness overtook Carpenter he began to worry about Baby. This horse, too, gave every evidence that it realized it was losing its best friend. It would come up around the house and neigh for its master, and gradually it seemed to grow feeble and despondent.

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Retiring From Business SALE

This is your Harvest time for Bargains.

All of Our Holiday Goods Must Be Closed Out This Week. Price Is No Object

The balance of our Men's and Boys' Overcoats go at less than manufacturers' cost.

SHOES SHOES SHOES

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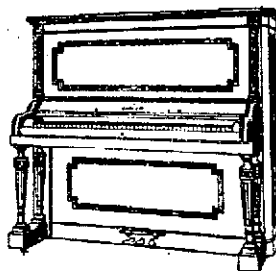
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In one car left Chicago December 1 for the Falkenstein Music Co.

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Watch this ad. when they come in. We have the only successful Electric Piano on the market. Edison Phonographs, Victor and Columbia Talking Machines, from \$10.00 to \$100.00. Records from 25c to \$1.00. Sheet music 10c. Easy payments. Come in and see us.

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We make our candy right here. It is fresh and pure. Special attention and prices given to all wholesale orders.

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Christmas is near at hand, so hurry and make your selections from our big holiday stock. A most acceptable Xmas gift can be chosen from our line of silverware, cut glass, clocks, watches, stick pins, bracelets, rings, etc., etc.

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1917 Mariposa Street.

\$5.50 For New Net Waists Worth \$6.75, Just Received



Very new and dainty—yesterday's express arrivals. Made of real fine net, V shape yoke, elaborately embroidered, trimmed in finest Val lace insertion, two point Venice medallions. 3-4 sleeves, turned front and back lined with soft silk.

THE WONDER

Cloak and Suit House

Grocery Specials For Tuesday and Wednesday

If you wish to save money (and most every one does at this season of the year), buy Graff's grocery specials.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES, 3 boxes 16-24-36-48 candles to the box.	25c
MIXED NUTS, 2 lbs.	25c
PLUM PUDDING, 1 lb. can	25c
ORANGES, NAVELS, dozen	20c
CONDENSED-MINCE MEAT, 3 pgs.	25c
POULTRY SEASONING, can	15c and 25c
PASTRY SPICE, can	25c
HEINZ'S MINCE MEAT, 1 lb. stone crack	75c

Holiday Hints From The Hardware Department

In this department we carry an endless variety of useful and substantial articles, suitable for Christmas presents for everyone.

FIVE O'CLOCK TEA SETS
NICKEL PLATED AND ALUMINUM Chafing dishes \$5.50 to \$10.00
NICKEL PLATED TEA AND COFFEE POTS, in five sizes and many pretty designs \$5.50 to \$3.00
CARVING SETS, with pearl and stag handles, good value from \$2.50 to \$12.00
SILVER PLATED TABLE CUTLERY, Rogers' 1847, in satin sheaf satin and vintage pattern, also Jennings Bros. Holly pattern. Get our prices.

ALUMINUM COOKING UTENSILS, will not scorch or burn, will not rust or scale like enamel ware. Ware that wears.

RAZORS AND RAZOR STRAPS, shaving brushes and mugs, Gillette, Auto and the Witch "Safety Razors."

WE HAVE A FINE ASSORTMENT of pocket knives in pearl, bone, stag, aluminum and gun metal handles. Every blade is warranted. Prices to please everybody.

KING'S AIR RIFLES are the best. We have them from 75c to \$1.50

IRON CLAD EXPRESS WAGONS are built to wear. They are made of the best quality sheet steel, with heavy wheels in two sizes \$2.00 and \$2.50

WE CARRY A COMPLETE STOCK of guns and ammunition, single and double barrel shot guns, Winchester and Savage, 22 repeating rifles, single shot 22 rifles from \$2.50 to \$10.00

UNIVERSAL STOVES AND RANGES are cookers, bakers and happy home makers. If you are in need of a cook stove or a steel range, be sure and look over our stock before buying, and let us explain to you the merits of a Universal. We have 38 different styles and sizes in prices from \$10.00 to \$60.00. We can surely please you.

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FAMILY SCALES, with scoop capacity from 1 oz. to 24 lbs. Only \$1.50

WE CARRY A COMPLETE STOCK of Al nickel plated bath room fixtures, towel bars, sponge and soap holder, combination tumbler and tooth brush, a tooth brush holder, soap holder, tumbler holder.

Corner J and Tulara Streets.

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BAR ASSOCIATION JOLLY-UP

Annual Banquet Last Night a Merry Occasion—Lewis H. Smith's Christmas Presents Made the Hit of the Evening

The Bar association had a jolly-up time last night at the annual banquet held at the Hughes hotel. The table was arrayed in T shape, with the Superior judges and toastmaster at the head. Judge F. N. Conley of Modesto and Judge W. M. Conley of Modesto were guests of honor. Holly berries and red-shaded lights gave a Christmas air to the table.

Josh was the spirit of the evening and few of the speakers made much progress amid the rapid fire of bottling business. W. D. Foote, as toastmaster, was at his best, but his best was sometimes last in the swelling column of Josh. The visiting judges received the same good-natured badinage. Although it was a great honor, Judge Rector struggled to be serious long enough to suggest a San Joaquin Valley Bar association and to declare that lawyers must again assert their function as leaders of public opinion—a function that had been usurped by the newspapers.

Judge Conley also saw a serious duty before the lawyers of the country, to protect the constitution, which he believed was in danger at the hands of President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Root.

E. S. VanMeter, in responding to the toast, "Practical Results of the Bar Association," read a paper in reminiscent mood. The other speakers made no attempt at seriousness.

Lewis H. Smith made the hit of the evening with his "If I Were Santa Claus." He read from cards, which were afterward passed around, clever joshes on the members of the bar. Each one produced a hearty laugh at the expense of the victim. The presents were as follows:

J. P. Bernhard—"More Wards to Conquer on the Political Dream Book" by N. B. Harris.

Henry Brickley—"A damage suit against the Southern Pacific that the Appellate Court couldn't reverse."

H. P. Briggs—"A perpetual writ of prohibition against the imposition of fines on bench or bar, and as a penalty for past transgressions would also present him with the financial deficit of this banquet."

S. L. Carter—"An unwritten speech less than ten minutes long, and a new photograph that would play that unpublished but most touching little ballad, 'You Mother Will Be Granted in the Sweet Bye and Bye.'"

Geo. W. Cartwright—"The robe and sword of Mark Anthony from the Malaga Historical Museum, and a golden crown lettered on the outside 'To a Successful Man,' and on the inside 'To G. W. C. From F. H. S.' also that new set of Christmas hand books published by the San Francisco Building and Loan Association consisting of the following volumes: 'Don't,' by Frank French; 'Tainted Money,' by E. J. Emmons; 'Looking Outward,' by Harry Bunkers; and 'The Traveler's Guide for Discreet Legislators,' by Ed Wright.

Geo. W. Cherry—"A happy look and a real smile that wouldn't break or tarnish."

Geo. F. Church—"A bicycle that wouldn't run on a sidewalk."

W. A. Conn—"Three hundred Armenian clients, and a little iron savings bank that will hold half-cent pieces."

F. E. Cook—"Twelve bottle of 'Alfalfa' and a pair of Dave Ewing's trousers."

Geo. Cosgrave—"Four hundred and forty-one vote for District Attorney, also a jack in the box warranted to contain no gun cotton."

W. D. Crichton—"Twenty Years in Congress," also "The History of John McCulloch," and in addition that sentimental little poem by Miles Wallace entitled, "Speak to me only with thine eyes. Let tongue and hands be dumb."

O. L. Everts—"A complete alibi for the Helm boys, perfectly tasteless and easily taken by any jury."

D. S. Ewing—"The Ready Orator, or one hundred selected speeches for mayors" (especially adapted for reading).

W. D. Foote—"Manual of physical exercises for overworked lawyers."

G. C. Freeman—"Set of Roosevelt's lectures on race suicide."

Jas. Gallagher—"The Utopian Constitution," by Thomas More, and book of "Quotations From the Unwritten Law."

J. W. Gearhart—"Harlow, Sheriff and Constables."

G. B. Graham—"A life-size water color of 'See Sissie Wink,' by Miss Lotz."

E. M. Harris—"Some funds for the Bar Association."

M. B. Harris—"A case of Bartlett water for use at Bar Association banquets."

M. K. Harris—"The Wall of the Tax Payers, and Other Verses," by Billy Phillips.

L. D. Hayhurst—"A copy of 'Deadwood Dick' to read while he smokes."

S. J. Hinds—"A collection of short speeches in the original manuscript, also the new Treatise on Criminal Evidence by Albert T. Covings, 1906 Edition."

H. M. Johnston—"The Devilry of Arthur Allen," by himself.

Geo. W. Jones—"The Love Affairs of a Bashful Young Man," by the author of "Too Rich to Marry."

Frank Kaake—"DeLuxe Edition of 'The Marble Heart,' by Hawthorne."

Ernest Klette—"The chairmanship of a Republican Convention, also a portrait of a man who couldn't get a drink in Selma (done in miniature by Tom Brewer)."

Manson McCormick—"A barrel of smallpox germs, and ten thousand copies of 'The Dead March' from Saul."

N. H. Peterson—"A Talkograph, a new machine that would automatically record the words and write the transcript as the witness spoke; also wrapped with this machine would come a wise book, and a new rate of 80 cents a folio."

E. S. Van Meter—"A year's subscription from every member of the bar to his new magazine of Legal Ethics, also a Congressional Amendment."

W. A. Sutherland—"A set of 'Constitutional Remedies,' by Lydia E. Pinkham; also a little one to run around the house—a little cement sidewalk."

E. A. Williams, the president, in concluding his toast on "The Bar Association," dropped into verse on his year as president as follows:

When I was President,
Great subjects we'd debate,
Some members of the Bar
Would come—but late.

When I was President
I wasn't there alone,
The Judges from the Bench
Would talk—by phone.

When I was President
Queer fortune favors me,
I had your uniform support
In sympathy.

When I was President
We thought it highly meet,
To have the Bench and Bar
Come in—and eat.

So in they came, this Bench and Bar
With hungry intent,
The only meeting that they saw
While I was President.

In addition to the regular toasts, there were a number of impromptu responses and the fun was kept going till midnight.

Those about the tables were: W. D. Foote, Judge E. N. Rector of Merced, Judge W. M. Conley of Modesto, Judge George E. Church, Judge H. Z. Austin, E. A. Williams, George Cosgrave, Manson McCormick, Judge H. F. Briggs, W. A. Sutherland, Ernest Klette, J. W. Gearhart, George L. Warren, J. P. Bernhard, Clarence French, D. L. Everts, George B. Graham, Frank Kaake, W. D. Crichton, Stanton L. Carter, H. E. DeBour, Lewis H. Smith, James Gallagher, F. S. VanMeter, George W. Cartwright, Lon Hayhurst, W. A. Conn, M. B. Harris, H. M. Johnston, G. W. Smith, Henry Brickley, D. A. Cashin, George W. Cherry, E. M. Harris, George W. Jones and E. E. Cook.

ASTONISHING RESULTS
Follow Each New Discovery of Science. The great strides that medical science has made in the last few years is due to the germ theory. When the germ of a disease has been discovered, the doctors have not been slow in finding a drug to kill it. In a few years it will be rare to find a bald-headed man or woman. The falling out of hair is due to a dandruff germ, and now it has been discovered how to kill this germ. The remedy used is called Newbro's Herpicide. Its success has been marvelous. Not a failure has been so far reported. It is also a delightful hair dressing free from oil or sticky substances. Try it and be convinced of its actual merit. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for Sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. Geo. H. Monroe, Special Agt.

YOUNG THIEVES STEAL POULTRY

Organized Gang Had Secret Robbers' Den.

Known as "23 Skidoo Club"—
Members of Prominent Families Arrested.

By arresting four youngsters, who were preparing to raid the chicken coops of the residents in the neighborhood of north I street last night, the police took a long step toward breaking up the gang of young thieves, who have been operating extensively during the last few months. In addition to those arrested, three others were brought before the head of the police department for examination. It developed from the close questioning that these boys, some of whom come from prominent families, have an organized gang called the "23 Skidoo Club," and a den in the alley back of the 1000 block on I street, where their meeting place. The boys under arrest at present are Glenn Dean, Lloyd Schuller, Harry Combs and James Waincoat, and the other three under surveillance are James Gass and Chester and Clarence Boles, sons of G. M. Boles.

The immediate cause of the arrest of the boys, was their attempt to make a second raid on the chicken coop at P. C. Taylor, the cigar man. Last Saturday night, members of this gang went into the back of Taylor's house and made away with six of the fattest fowls to be found. The chickens were sold for \$3 and the money divided among the looters. The youngsters regarded this as an easy means of making money and decided to try the stunt again last night. They had had the barley sacks with them but their former depredations had been reported to the police and Constable McSwain and Policemen Cronkrite and Kennedy were on the lookout and caught them red-handed.

They were taken to police headquarters and received by Chief Shaw. Sergeant P. C. Taylor, who lost the chickens, and Fire Chief Ward, who was instrumental in the apprehension of the youngsters. They were brought in one at a time and closely questioned with regard to their crime. There was a number of discrepancies in their testimony, each trying to place the blame on the other, but admitting that the gang as a whole, was guilty of numerous petty thefts. Concerning the theft of the chickens, the Waincoat boy, said: "No, I didn't steal any chickens. I just stood at the corner, y'all 'giggers' if I saw anybody, copin'." Glenn Dean made the most incriminating statements, and told of the den and of drinking wine and smoking in the place of privacy. He claimed that the wine was procured from the St. George Vineyard company by the Combs boy, but afterward said that only one bottle was bought.

The den was searched by the police and four heavy iron safes, which had probably been stolen from a garage, were found, besides a number of other articles, which looked very suspicious. The stronghold is situated in the alley between I and J streets, back of the house at 1038 I street, and consists of an old shed which has been nailed up tight by the young bandits and patent closing doors fitted to the entrance, so that intruders can be prevented from entering.

The boys implicated in the trouble are well known about Fresno. Chester Boles, son of former City Trustee Boles, has been in trouble for stealing pigeons before, and James Gass is a newcomer here. Although the Boles boys seem as much implicated in the affairs as the others, for some reason, they were not arrested last night. The seven boys accused of the petty larcenies range in age from 13 to 17 years, the Combs boy being the oldest. They will probably be brought up before the juvenile court today.

SCHMITZ AND RUEF SPARRING FOR TIME

Another Motion to Strike from Files Overruled and Langdon Is Called.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Another motion to strike from the files an indictment charging Mayor Eugene Schmitz and Abraham Ruef with extortion was made and denied in Judge Dumbo's court today. A similar motion was denied last week, but the motion offered today was based on new grounds, as follows:

That all the evidence taken before the grand jury would not warrant conviction; that the indictment was based on hearsay evidence; that Langdon and Huey were guilty of misconduct in the grand jury room; that the grand jurors were guilty of such conduct as to prejudice each other against the defendants; that Huey aimed and vilified the defendants in the grand jury room; that while the indictment was pending, Foreman Oliver and Huey threatened witnesses with perjury indictments; that Huey was appointed by private persons, enemies of the defendants, and he coerced and intimidated witnesses; that he conspired the avowed approach to the grand jury room, excluding the sheriff's officers.

District Attorney Langdon was first placed on the stand, when Attorney Ash attempted to prove that Huey was appointed to office at the request of the newspapers to prosecute Ruef and Schmitz. This was denied by Langdon, who also declared that he did not know Huey and Schmitz were enemies. Ash wanted Langdon to go over in detail all the newspaper interviews granted by him since the election to office, but he defense objected.

Poorly digested food keeps you in a run-down condition. The Bitters will aid digestion and thus cure Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Constipation, Bilelessness, Chills, Colds, or Female Ills.

Gifts For Men And Boys

Smoking Jackets, Dressing Gowns, and Robes Make Ideal Gifts

There is only one week more in which to make your purchase for a Xmas Gift. Perhaps you have not yet decided what the present for him shall be. A smoking jacket, bath robe, dressing gown, or lounging robe will meet his qualifications. All are garments intended to make life more comfortable for men. They will have use during his leisure time while he is home. They attend upon happiness and pleasure. Any man will feel more like remaining home if he had one of these garments into which to lounge about, and remember, too, that we can save you money on a smoking jacket or bath robe. The prices range from \$4.00 to \$15.00. Remember, too, it is because we have such an immense and large stock. It is a saving that cannot be offered you at any other store. Just get his chest measurement. Smoking jackets and bath robes range in sizes from 32 to 48. Our bath and lounging robes are both the best carried in any store, and the prices are the lowest anywhere. Handsome and useful, indeed, and the variety to select from is enough so everybody can find their choice. We issue merchandise orders for any amount and good at any time. In conjunction with the above, our showing of fancy suspenders, neckwear, gloves and mufflers is simply superb.

The New Toggery Shop

Occupying the Entire Lower Floor of the New Grand Central Hotel Building, 1041-1047 J Street.

FRESNO, CAL.

IRVING WINTER, Prop.

GREAT DOINGS AT

NEU'S Reliable Piano House

The sale begun yesterday scored a big success, and many buyers took advantage of our CHRISTMAS SALE PRICES.

Big Price Cuts Reliable Instruments

Anything you want in the musical line you will find at our store and at prices that defy competition.

1027-1029 "I" Street

PHONE NO. 619

N. B.—We have a first-class tuner and repairer in our employ. Leave your orders at our store.

The Republican Leads... In Circulation And in Giving the News

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PAY THEM DECENTLY.

Congressman Needham is to be congratulated on having had confidence enough in himself and respect enough for his constituents to vote for the bill increasing the salaries of congressmen. All of the members of congress are in favor of this bill, but most of them voted against it. They favor it, not merely as anybody would like to increase his own salary, but because they know it is absolutely inadequate to the services rendered and the expenses necessarily incurred. Congressmen know this, but they are afraid their constituents do not. They thereby betray a lack of confidence, not merely in the intelligence of their constituents, but in their own standing with them. We will not quarrel with their estimate of their own standing, but we are sure they underestimate the intelligence of their constituents. There are few constituencies which do not know, or at least who can not be taught, that it costs more to live in Washington than in a country town, and more to live in two places than in one. And there are presumably no constituencies which wish to reduce their congressmen's living expenses to the mere cost of keeping alive. One can live on a congressman's salary, as it now is, and many congressmen do live on it. But one can not live comfortably and easily on it, much less well and with dignity. Every man who goes to Washington to live on his salary does so at a distinct loss, not only of money to himself, but of comfort, freedom and opportunity to his wife and children. And no congressman who has an outside income thinks of trying to live on his salary. It ought not to be a hardship or a loss to go to congress. Neither ought it to be a privilege confined to the rich. Constituents know this, or at least have sense enough to understand it when they are told. We are glad our own congressman attributed the intelligence to his constituents to trust them in this matter. His confidence in them will not be disappointed.

PRAYING FOR POVERTY.

"Get down on your knees tonight," said Secretary Shaw to the automobile manufacturers, "and pray God to save this country from its prosperity." What he meant, of course, was to save the country from the consequences of a disproportion between its business and its equipment for handling it. No country can have too much prosperity. There can not be too much demand for products, nor too many products to supply that demand. But there can easily be more commerce than the existing railroad or fiscal facilities can handle; and when there is, it means loss all along.

Producers, at one end, have spent money and labor to pile up products adequate to the demand. If the railroad can carry only a part of the product, the rest is a loss, and much better never have been produced. Wholesalers, at the other end, have made contracts to buy what they know they could sell, and have sold "short" to merchants, who have laid out their year's business on the basis of these contracts. The actual business is reduced to the limit of what the railroads can carry, and the difference is a dead loss. It would have been far better to do less business from the beginning, than to have it cut out at the end by ear shortage. And the railroads, able to carry only so much, but carrying that under stress, make less profit than they would if the total demand only just equalled their car supply. So, for everybody, an increase of business beyond the capacity of the railroads to handle it is a direct loss. If it were not that the car supply can ultimately be increased, it would be better to cut down production and consumption. But of course the real remedy is to increase the railroad equipment.

The same thing, and much more, is true of an increase of business beyond the capacity of our financial system to handle it. The analogy is not so simple as in the case of car supplies, because, on the financial side, we have to do with the double function of money, and with the added element of credit. Money serves two purposes. It is a measure of value and a medium of exchange. We have plenty of money to serve as a measure of value, but we have not, and never shall have, anything like enough to serve as a medium of exchange. That function must be supplied, in large part, by our machinery of credit, and the present deficiency must be cured, if anywhere, on this side. It is idle to cure the deficit merely by getting more "basic money," since there will never be anything like enough of that, anyway, to do the business of the country in cash, and all we can get of it, be it much or little, will be chiefly utilized as a basis of credit. More "basic money" might make a firmer foundation, but no amount of foundation can give stability to an essentially flimsy superstructure. A gas-bag is equally susceptible to pin-pricks, whether there is a granite or a bamboo structure underneath. The remedy must be in improving the credit system. And when credit is the medium of exchange, it is not sufficient that it be adequate. It must also be elastic. When cars are not in use carrying goods, they automatically return to the car-barns or rest on sidings. Up to the limit of all that can be used in the busy season, there can not be too many of them. The same is true of credit, provided it acts the

same way. If we have a credit system sound and safe, it can not be too big, provided it is all used in doing actual business. The trouble is that the credit which is used to do business with, in busy times, is used to gamble with, in idle times. Then it becomes dangerous. If freight cars would not keep idle, when not used to carry goods, but were immediately made up into racing trains, with the whole population frantically betting on the results, it would be necessary to provide by law for a high tax on empty moving cars and a low tax or none on full cars or idle ones, or in some way to keep the unused cars idle. This is exactly what is needed with a credit currency. To "move the crops" and handle the other business of the country, we need a currency that can expand to meet the needs. So long as this currency is measured in money, it may be based on any sort of safe security. The mechanism of doing this, safely, is a question of banking. The problem is already solved, with respect to every sort of business task but one. It is proposed to apply it to that, also, by issuing a form of bank credits which can do for the farmer what the mechanism of banking already does for every other business. But this credit currency must automatically return to the banks which issued it, as soon as its use is ended. It must be made reasonably profitable to put it out when it is needed, and it must be made distinctly unprofitable to keep it out, after its use is ended. With this sort of a system, we can not have too much prosperity.

But what Secretary Shaw means is that our present fiscal system, like our present railroad system, is inadequate to the strain we have put on it. There is not enough of it, and it is too inflexible. If we will not expand the system to meet the business, we should pray God to contract the business to meet the system.

DESSERTERS FROM ARMY ARE CAUGHT AT FOWLER

Overbearing Officers and Poor Grub Given as Reason.

Thomas B. Yeager and Milo Prescott, deserters from the United States army, were brought up from Fowler last evening by Constable Mason. The two were stationed at Benicia and became tired of the life of a soldier and left. Constable Mason noticed Prescott in Fowler about a week ago, and supposed that the bright-looking young fellow in soldier clothes was on a furlough visiting relatives, but as the fellow seemed to hang out at the saloons most of the time, the officer became suspicious and arrested the man as a deserter. Prescott then confessed and made references to his partner. Yeager at that time was in the employ of the Chadwick Packing company, but as he also was a new arrival in town Mason concluded that he must be the other deserter. After his arrest Yeager also confessed, and Mason telegraphed the facts of the arrest to the army officials at Benicia. Both of the men are good-looking fellows, and well educated. Prescott came from New York and Yeager is from California. The deserters are in the signal service as telegraph operators, but say that the overbearing treatment accorded them by the officers, together with poor grub, was the cause of their taking French leave. They claim that at least ten others left when they did, on Dec. 8th. They will be returned to the barracks, and court martialled for desertion as soon as some one arrives from Benicia to take them back.

AN INSANE MAN FOUGHT DESPERATELY

Foree Giuseppe, an insane man who was brought to this city recently from Firebaugh and locked in a room at the Europa hotel, became so noisy at an early hour yesterday morning that it was necessary to secure the services of the police and have him removed to the insane ward at the county jail. Officers Cronkrite, Glooring, Van Meter and Bradley had a hard battle with the man before they finally landed him in his room. The man was a perfect fiend in his room, attacking the officers with a water pitcher and after this weapon was taken away from him biting and snapping at the officers until he was securely tied. He was examined by the court yesterday afternoon and will be sent to the insane hospital.

PONTIFF IS DISTRESSED

Because of Archbishop Richard's Eviction.

Demonstration Was Occasioned By the Cardinal's Change of Residence.

ROME, Dec. 17.—The Pope was exceedingly distressed this evening to hear the particulars of the abandonment of the archbishop's house in Paris by Cardinal Richard. He qualified it as the most pitiful incident of his pontificate, and said that the noble dignified and pious attitude maintained by Cardinal Richard today assuredly would have a salutary influence and bring advantage to the cause of the church. Vatican authorities deny emphatically that they purpose to conduct reprisals against the French protelesonates in the Holy Land or elsewhere, and the Vatican's intention to deal with inexorable severity with every clergyman who does not follow the papal instructions has been reiterated. Commenting on the report that Monsignor Lacroix, bishop of Tarantaise, has made, or permitted to be made, the declaration in accordance with the circular issued by Briand, the French minister of public instruction, and had formed an association for worship in accordance with the law of separation, a high authority said: "If this news is true, then Monsignor Lacroix is the first protele to transgress. He will be repudiated by the holy see, as well as by his colleagues in the French episcopate who, with their clergyman, have given such an example of the church, and which is deserving of the warmest and highest praise." Officials of the Vatican continue to deny that the Spanish ambassador to France, Fernando de Leon y Castillo, was appointed and refused to assume the protection of the interests of the Vatican at Paris, without the government at Madrid being first informed. In another quarter the assertion was made tonight that the Vatican was embarrassed in finding a Catholic power to act for it in this matter.

MARYSVILLE WAS FIRE THREATENED

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 18.—A telephone message to the Union from Marysville says that fire broke out at 7:15 o'clock last evening in the store of White, Cooley & Curtis, and was still burning. The whole town might be destroyed. A dynamite explosion occurred and several people were injured.

We have all kinds of nice warm fur trimmed slippers. In red, blue, green, grey, brown and black. Also black velvet, kid trimmed. Prices range from \$1.25 to \$2.00. These are genuine felt goods of superior quality.

We also have full lines of Men's Holiday Slippers in all leathers including genuine alligator in rich brown shades. Be sure and see our stock before buying, as we can show you a very extensive assortment.

Philadelphia Shoe Store
Near Court House Park.

FIND NO TRACE OF MISSING RIG

O. Williams, of the firm of Fulton G. Berry and O. Williams, was in the city today making inquiries about his horse and buggy, which was stolen from in front of the poultry show on J street last week. Mr. Williams has been all over the county in an endeavor to get track of the outfit, but as yet has been unsuccessful. He is of the opinion that the theft was committed by persons who reside in the city and are here now.

Baker's 974
For coughs and colds, at Baker & Colson's.

Credit Accounts Extended. 25c Sheet Music, 19c. Lehnhardt's Candies, 50c. Free Christmas Gifts.



Christmas Crowds Are Coming!

which means that the wonderful work of our buyers has filled this store with such an extraordinary assortment of delightful gifts that our good store friends have appreciated their values at sight—and are going to appropriate them at once.

May we offer you a very important suggestion—just as a Christmas gift? It's worth accepting.

Don't Delay making your Christmas purchases!

There are many reasons why it is to your advantage to come and make selections from our stock at once. One is—almost everyone else is doing it—and while we've crowded every part of our building with beautiful articles, the very choicest of all must necessarily go to those who first come and choose them.

Don't wait until you're ready to buy all you are going to give—come and buy a few things first.

Don't wait, either, until you've mentally settled the question of "what you'll give." You can decide in half the time when you're here—inspired by the sight of the great showing of acceptable articles.

And don't think that a fat pocket-book is necessary. It isn't—very small sums will buy much of real beauty and worth—if you come at once.

("The lists below?"—just to act as memory joggers.)

Holiday Ribbons
In buying your ribbons for tying up your Christmas gifts, buy here for we've a very large and pretty assortment of Christmas ribbons.
All colors in the desirable widths.
Gifts nicely wrapped and daintily tied with pretty ribbon always make a better impression.

Fancy Neckwear For Gifts
Choose your gift in this line from our large and handsome assortment. Plenty of new styles to buy here and prices are within the reach of all.
\$1 values, today only 85c.

Give Blankets
Look in our bright Bed Furnishing Department to find gifts that are useful, and sure to please.

Blankets \$5.95
10-4 in size; California wool Blanket; ideal Christmas gift.
of splendid quality; warm and woolly; an ideal Christmas gift.
Priced at \$5.95.

Dress Goods—Splendid Gifts
If you want to please your mother, sister or wife on Christmas morning, give them a dress goods length. Women love pretty clothes and they can't have too many, you know.
A few ideas of what you can find here.

Chiffon Panama \$1.00
54 inch Panama in all the best shades, very stylish for suits and dresses; serviceable and pretty.
Priced today at a \$1 a yard.

Checked Serge 75c
38 inch Checked Serge with invisible plaids; new and very dressy; most suitable for suits; splendid quality and a splendid value for the money.
Priced at 75c a yard.

The Christmas Waists
Our whole department is ready for Christmas—and you. Surely the largest, the most varied, the most beautiful display of waists for Christmas giving in town.

Plaid Silk Waists
Black Silk Waists
White Silk Waists
White Silk Waists
Lace Waists
Lawn Waists
Woolen Waists of all kinds.

Today's Grocery Specials

Bread, 12-oz. loaf	3c
Mountain Apples, lb.	2 1/2c
Pieck Preserve, jar	8c
Roller Oats, lb.	3c
Stetson's Beans, can	8c
Cracker Meal, 1-lb. box	8c

Blue Stone Has Arrived
Get yours today!
Don't delay if you don't want to be disappointed.

Manicure Sets in Cases

Toilet Sets in Cases

Silver Tableware

Rich Cut Glass in Finest Cuttings

Ladies' Diamond Rings
Solitaires, \$20. \$30. \$50. \$75 upward.
Two-stone Diamond Rings, \$55 upward.
Pearl and Diamond Rings in diagonal settings, loops and large Pearl with smaller diamond surrounding, priced from \$100 to \$200.
Some finer rings such as are termed Banquet Rings.

Bracelets
Plain 14 karat gold from \$6 to \$30, according to weight. Engraved ones up to \$50, and with stones to still higher prices.

Ladies' Watches
The open faced ones for young ladies from \$15 to \$35.
A large variety of hunting style watches, \$10, \$15, \$18, \$25 to \$50 and upward.
Our prices are right, the quality considered, and the designs will bear the criticism of always being in good taste.
We are open evenings from now until Christmas and shoppers will find shopping in this part of the day to their advantage.

Fork and Spoon Chests

Fine Art Lamps

Art Potteries

Gorham Leather Goods

WARNER'S
1929-31 Mariposa St.
CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Beginning tomorrow, our store will not open until 8 a. m. and will remain open until 9:30 p. m.

We issue
Glove Orders
For Any
Amount

A PREMIUM STAMP WITH EACH \$5 YOU BUY
RADIN & KAMP
FRESNO'S DAYLIGHT STORE

50 yard spool
Baby Ribbon
All colors
32c

Money Savers Today

Every section is loaded with Xmas specials today, Thousands of bright, crisp Christmas presents for everybody.

SPECIAL TODAY

Pillow Bags, 29c

Fancy corded pillow bags with backs stitched all ready to put the pillow in. 50c values today. **29c**

Fancy Hair Ribbon, 10c

Fancy striped Dresden hair ribbon, all the best color combinations, good width, all silk. **10c**

50 Yd. Spool Baby Ribbon 32c

50 yard spool all silk baby ribbon, all colors guaranteed. Full measure, regular 50c quality. **32c**

Hand Embroidered Centerpieces, 98c

Beautiful 18 inch hand embroidered centerpieces, poppies, carnations, wild roses, apple blossoms, forget me nots, strawberries, etc., worth \$2.50; 2A special. **98c**

Peter Pan Purses Today 15c

Good quality Peter Pan purses in black and colors, well made, with buckles, the 25c kind. **15c**

50c Pillow Shams, 25c

Fine white lawn pillow shams, embroidered in white corded effects, several very pretty designs. Special per pair. **25c**

\$6 Umbrellas, \$4.50

Ladies' 20 inch paragon frame umbrellas with steel rods, fine china silk coverings, pretty assorted sterling silver mounted handles, 50c values. **\$4.50**

Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, 12 1-2c

Men's fine quality linen handkerchiefs, best hemstitched border and pretty embroidered initial, any letters an exceptionally good value. **12 1-2c**

Ladies Leatherette Hand Bags, 25c

Three different styles of ladies' leatherette hand bags, well made, serviceable, and a good value. **25c**

Ladies' \$5 and \$6 Trimmed Hats, \$1.98

Hundreds of pretty trimmed hats in every fashionable color, all new, this season's styles, in French felt and velvet, with best trimmings. \$3.00 and \$5.00 values. **\$1.98**

Men's \$15.00

Suits and
Overcoats
\$10.85

Here's a snap: All our men's \$15.00 suits and overcoats, spick and span new fall styles, elegantly tailored garments, suits and overcoats that we sold all season at \$15.00, and are cheap at that price, go on sale today, choice of any **\$10.85**



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How Is This For a Millinery Snap

We are going to clean up every trimmed hat in the house. We always do, so here goes: Today choice of any trimmed hat in the house, no matter what the value, **\$3.89.**

TOYS - TOYS - TOYS

The children know where the toys are. Ask any kid in Fresno, and see them steer you right straight to our big bargain basement. More toys here than all the rest combined. Come with the crowd.

A PREMIUM STAMP WITH EACH \$5 YOU BUY
RADIN & KAMP
FRESNO'S DAYLIGHT STORE

Glove Orders
And
Merchandise Orders
For Any Amount

A PREMIUM STAMP WITH EACH \$5 YOU BUY
RADIN & KAMP
FRESNO'S DAYLIGHT STORE



Cut It Out

That worried look about Christmas gifts, get the boy a good pocket knife or a few tools. A dainty pearl handled knife for the young lady of the house, or a new pair of shears for mother.

You Can't Go Amiss in Giving Cutlery

Even duplicates are acceptable, for they are usually different. Our pocket knives are the satisfactory kind.

BARRETT-HICKS CO.

COTTON OPERATIVES' CHRISTMAS IS HAPPY

Wage Advances By New England Firms Ushered in the Week With Rejoicing.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The week before Christmas was ushered in happily today for nearly 20,000 operatives employed in the cotton mills at Lowell and Chicopee, where an advance in wages scales went into effect.

In Lowell the manufacturers granted about 17,000 operatives last Friday a 5 per cent increase in wages. The textile roundel, however, had been considering a request for a 10 per cent increase, and at a meeting last night it was decided to postpone action on the 10 per cent demand until next Saturday.

In Chicopee, the Dwight Manufacturing company posted notices in all the departments of its mills Saturday that an advance in the wages would go into effect Monday. The amount of the increase was not stated. The company employs 1,900 hands. The action was voluntary on the part of the corporation. At the Chicopee Manufacturing company's plants the union operatives are engaged in a discussion with the mill officials over a 10 per cent increase which the company has said it could not grant.

By New Year's 125,000 cotton mill operatives all over New England are expected to be participating in an advance in wages amounting from 5 to 10 per cent.

Prescriptions
Accurate work, correct prices, at
Baker & Child's.

THE FRESNO MORNING REPUBLICAN

WEATHER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17. Forecast: San Joaquin valley—Fair Tuesday, light northwest wind.

FRESNO, Dec. 17. Official readings at 5 p. m.:
Temperature, dry bulb, 47;
Temperature, wet bulb, 45;
Humidity, per cent, 79;
Wind, west, miles per hour, 10;
Maximum temperature, 49;
Minimum temperature, 39;
Rainfall for season, 2.90;
Clear Tuesday.

An area of low barometric pressure covers the states east of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, being central over Tennessee, causing light rain or snow over Eastern Texas, Oklahoma, the lower Mississippi and Ohio valleys, the Appalachian range and the middle Atlantic states. The weather is cloudy and unsettled over the eastern half of the country. It is snowing in Northern Texas and Pennsylvania and raining in several of the Eastern states. A great wave of high barometric pressure covers the entire country west of the Ohio and Mississippi valleys, being central over North Dakota. Bismarck reports a barometer reading of 30.00 inches with temperature 20 degrees below zero at 6 a. m. The temperature is at its lowest freezing over three-fourths of the country. Conditions are somewhat unsettled on the Pacific slope, with rain or snow in Oregon and Washington, dense fog at Eureka and heavy frost at Los Angeles.

J. P. BOLTON,
Official in Charge.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

New Job
Blindfold
At Hollands.
Fine Photos, Royal Studio, Kern & M. Auto Battery, Ernest Johnson, Main 211.

Twelve fine Carbonates, \$1.50. Royal Studio.

For Sale. Four feet first-class water rights. P. O. Box 1205.

Fisher Crawford's carving sets will please you. Prices low.

Dr. Kearns' horses have stood the test of time. 2036 Mariposa St.

Turkeys Wanted. Fifty Tuesday and Wednesday at J. S. Bradley's, 1501 S. Hughes Hotel. Regular dinner, 75 cents, served in American plan dining room.

Hand-painted dinner cards for Thanksgiving at Miss Kate Parsons, 1011 Fresno.

Wells Fargo & Co. will make no wagon calls for packages from Dec. 18th to 20th, inclusive.

Don't miss the Mystery Social of Yosemite Lodge, A. O. U. W., Tuesday evening, Dec. 18th. Prize contests.

The Board of Supervisors yesterday authorized the county farmer to purchase a span of horses for \$300.

Johnnie Reimers, official city gardener, will be in Fresno city today, and a meeting of the Park commission will be held to arrange a few changes in the list of trees to be planted in the city.

The regular meeting of the Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church will take place at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in the church parlors. The executive officers are to meet at 2 o'clock.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to William Avery, of Cleveland, aged 31 years, and Daisy Maudie Hall, version, 26, both of Selma; John Hagopian, of Fresno, 26, and Victoria Kizarian, of Fowler, 18.

Shirley Wilson of Madera came to Fresno yesterday to have a good time. He acquired a good steeling and made amusing remarks to people on Mariposa street. Officer Bradley was called and the mischievous fellow was taken to the county jail.

A disastrous fire, resulting in the loss of an expensive automobile hooked out last night about 11 o'clock in a shed on the Anita vineyard, the home of Hector Burgess, about five miles east of town. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The machine had not been used for two days and there was no one near the place apparently at the time the fire was discovered by some one from the house.

ASCOT PARK PEOPLE GAINED A CONCESSION FROM LOS ANGELES CITY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—At the request of the consolidation commission, the council this afternoon passed an ordinance repealing such sections of the existing city ordinance as prohibited pool selling and gambling at Ascot Park. The action was taken to settle a suit pending in the Superior court to restrain the city from annexing Ascot Park and other territory taken at the election of November 14th. The suit now will be withdrawn, the territory annexed and Ascot Park will continue to operate twenty days.

CHARRED REMAINS INDICATE DEATH WAS DUE TO DRUNKENNESS

WOODLAND, Cal., Dec. 17.—The charred remains of Edward Woodward were found yesterday afternoon in a cabin on the La Grange ranch, Charles Woodward, a cousin of the dead man, and a sheep herder named Wilson were lying nearby, evidently strangled by liquor, in which all three had indulged on Saturday night. It is supposed that Woodward attempted to feed the fire when his clothing became ignited, and, as his companions were unable to help him, he was burned to death.

To Tunnel English Channel.

LOMBARD, Dec. 17.—A bill empowering an Anglo-French company to construct a tunnel under the English channel has been dropped in parliament. It is estimated that this scheme will involve an expenditure of \$89,000,000. It is proposed to build two parallel tunnels twenty-four miles long.

Collision in British Channel.

DOVER, Dec. 17.—During a heavy fog on the British channel today the British steamer Arlington collided with and sank the Belgian steamer Captain Judge, of 655 tons, from Antwerp for Newport, off Bournemouth. Twelve of the crew of the Captain Judge were drowned.

Suicide Following Debauch.

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 17.—James Anderson, a miner employed in the Edison Camp No. 4, committed suicide this morning, shooting himself through the heart. Anderson had been on an extended absence and was dependent on the loss of his carriage.

Orange Land, 2000 Acres

A rare opportunity for a party of means. See our land sale column, ad. of George Roth.

Christmas

Handkerchiefs 25c

We secured the lot at a great reduction and we offer them to you at this reducing price. The dainty patterns and sheer quality will certainly appeal to you. The moment you see them. They are all embroidered and scalloped, fringed, bordered, and a variety of patterns too numerous to enumerate here.



Louis Einstein & Co.
BETTER GOODS.

Welcome News Two Big Sales

\$10.85 Black Silk Waist Suits \$15.95

Two big snaps from the suit department, black silk suits are as staple as gold, but with our usual progressiveness we are selling them at special prices. Of course, if our New York buyer hadn't secured them at a bargain we could not afford to make these reductions. But then there is a season for everything.

\$15 Values \$10.85

\$22.50 Values \$15.95

Black silk and wool shirt waist suits, tucked yokes, front and back, long sleeves, fancy tucked skirts. **\$10.85** Black silk shirt waist suits, deep tucks, front and back, Madeline trimmed, long sleeves, tucked skirts. **\$15.95**

Latest New York fad—Teddy Bears. See them. Toy Store.

Name Contest

\$20 For a Thought

We want a suitable name one that will do justice to the quality of our \$3.50 shoes. Fill in the attached coupon and send or bring it to our shoe store.

CONTEST CLOSING ON DECEMBER 23, 6 P. M.

PRIZE AWARDED ON THE 24TH.

I am interested in your BETTER \$3.50 SHOES and would suggest naming them

Name

Address



Just Arrived, Silk Waists

Messaline Silk Waist

White fancy lace yoke, 3/4 tucks front and back, 3/4 sleeves, lace trimmed. **\$7.50**

Messaline Silk Waist

White and black waist, fancy lace yoke, tucked and insertion front and back, 3/4 sleeves, lace cuffs. **\$10.00**

White Messaline Waist

Elaborately trimmed, val lace and insertion, fancy pointed yoke, 3/4 sleeves, lace cuffs. **\$14.00**

Gale Plows

NEWS NOTES OF VISALIA

Remains of Riley Downing Will Be Taken to Missouri for Interment.

VISALIA, Dec. 17. The remains of Riley Downing, formerly of this city, who killed himself in Fresno Saturday, have arrived and a private funeral service will be conducted tomorrow evening. The body will be shipped to California, Mo., Wednesday morning for interment. J. G. Downing, father of the young man, will accompany the remains.

Fred Kern has returned from a visit of several weeks in the state of Washington. He spent some time in Bellingham with his son, Harvard Kern, formerly of Visalia. Mr. Kern will make his home in Visalia.

Plans have been drawn and the contract let for the erection of a twelve-room residence for R. C. Merriam at Bonnie Blue near Foster. The house will contain solid oak and other hard wood floors and trimmings, plate glass windows, cement porches, natural stone pillars and many other features. The building will cost \$10,267. Martin A. Barber of Los Angeles are the architects and E. A. Martin of the same city has the contract.

Both Graham and Packwood schools were closed last week on account of a threatened epidemic of diphtheria in that neighborhood. The latter school resumed this morning, but the former school is still closed. Miss Alta Birt is the teacher of the Graham and Miss Ethel McCabe of the Packwood school.

A John Doe warrant was sworn out at 1 o'clock this morning before Justice Clark by George Hazen, who alleged that his wife had been drunk by an unknown person and her nose broken. Later Jerry Place was identified as the guilty party. The latter was arraigned, pleaded not guilty and was released on \$200 bonds. The assault occurred in the rear of the Shamrock saloon. The woman's clothes are also said to have been badly torn.

E. L. Hughes has disposed of his business here to George Ritchie and has gone to Fresno to engage in business. The hearing of the \$5,000 damage suit of John Beshore against J. W. Dunlap et al., was resumed this morning in the Superior court before Judge Judge Paul W. Bennett of Baker held presiding. Testimony is being taken for the defense.

Frank Lewis has resigned as mail carrier, a position he has held for several years, and has accepted a position as book keeper with the Mr. Whittier Power company. Robert R. Brown is acting as substitute carrier.

Miss Carol Watkins is home from San Francisco where she has been attending the normal school to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Watkins.

Carlton Miller is here from Los Angeles and will spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss L. A. Repetto has arrived from Los Angeles to visit for a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Brandy.

Fred Blake is here from Los Angeles on a visit.

The Whole Family Will Be Pleased

If it gets skates for Christmas, father, mother, son and daughter, all of them. And they will be particularly pleased if the skates come from our store. Our stock is the largest and best in Fresno and includes such famous makes as Winslow's, Spalding's and Richardson's; steel or aluminum rolls; also fine line of sidewalk skates. Better do your shopping early—will find it more satisfactory.

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To some friend whom you would like to remember with a serviceable, useful practical gift. Let us make them for you. We will make any necessary change in them after Christmas.

Let us tell you more about the different styles glasses. Come in today.

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The children all say that C. T. Cearley, 1113 J street, has the finest line of "books for us kids," picture books, story books, fairy books, books for the older children, books for the little ones, linen books for the babies, the latest in comic books, Hooligan, Maude, Buster Brown, and the rest, and a most carefully selected assortment of standard juvenile stories by the best authors, nicely bound, most suitable for the season.

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Second Hand Upright Piano and National Cash Register for sale cheap

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At closing out prices. We will make to per cent discount on Ladies' and Gents' Watches until Christmas. Call early at

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Oldest Jewelry Store on I St.

PRINTER'S INK PAYS

MORAN GETS 18 YEARS

Mendota Constable Contest Begins Today.

Royal Neighbors Fraternity Sued for Refusing to Pay on a Policy.

"Chap" Moran of the "Red House" is to serve eighteen years in the prison, according to the sentence passed on him yesterday. A stay was secured, however, and Judge Church signed a writ of habeas corpus, upon which an appeal may be taken to the Supreme court, the motion of Attorney Blinn for a new trial having been denied.

In passing sentence, Judge Church stated that he took no consideration, as had the jury evidently, that there might have been some provocation, and did not inflict the extreme penalty. The sentence for murder in the second degree may be anything from ten years to life.

Davis Contest Today.
The only contest against the declared results of the last election that has been brought so far in this county will be between this morning before Judge Church in department two of the Superior court. The contest is that of Frank R. Davis, the present constable in the Mendota district, against S. J. Butcher, who on the face of the returns had only seven votes the better of him. He is in hopes of overcoming such a narrow margin by a recount.

Davis has got more or less notoriety during his term of office because of the spree he went on about a year ago, which resulted in his arrest on charges of assault. He charges that he was lashed out of the office by conspiracy on the part of all the officers of certain precincts, who counted votes for him for his opponent. He will be represented today by Attorney Henry Hickey.

The district includes the following precincts: Firebaugh, Mendota, Jamison, Bryant and Lamore.

On behalf of Constable-elect Butcher, a general denial of the charges was filed today by his attorney, L. H. Smith.

Forgery Sentence Continued.
Sentence of V. R. Monges for forgery has been continued by Judge Arthur to meet Saturday.

The defendant of Hous Wok, the Chinaman that attempted to bribe Mayor Leon last summer, was overruled, and he must plead tomorrow.

Miller & Lux to Appeal.
The San Joaquin and Kings River Canal and Irrigation company, a Miller & Lux corporation, has appealed from the decision recently rendered against it by Judge Austin in favor of the right of Stanislaus, Merced and Fresno counties fixing the rate for water used from its canals.

Lodge Sued for Insurance.
The alleged failure of the Royal Neighbors of America, a benevolent fraternal society, to pay \$2000 insurance to Otto Schwarz, the husband, and the four children of Cecilia Schwarz, who died last August, is the cause of a suit begun yesterday against the society by Streiber & Streiber.

Suit on Ice Claim.
Judge Austin sat yesterday in the trial of an appeal case from Judge Briggs' court, that of the Fresno Ice company against the Fresno Ice company, for the sum of \$122 for ice delivered for the defendant, but charge was some offset, and a defense that the action should have been brought in Madera county instead of here as the contract was taken into it in that town. The case was taken under advisement by the court.

Cases Set.
The suit of Emma J. DeBell against the Southern Pacific company has been continued to January 18th. That of Mary J. Bond against J. F. Mohler is set for January 8th. That of Lottie A. Kohler against D. R. Dabaghiun, over laundry wagon accounts, is fixed for January 24th. That of H. H. Van Ness against G. W. Chambers and others is continued to this morning.

Other Civil Cases.
Four more of the cases of the town of Selma against T. R. Brewer, the druggist, for violating the prohibition ordinance were yesterday set for trial before Judge Church on December 21st.

In the suit of J. A. Wadsworth against E. E. Knapp, the Oakland attorney, the defendant's motion for a change of venue was granted.

The attempt of A. D. Chance and others, sued for conspiracy by Dr. H. G. Gatzert, to quash the complaint, was discontinued for the time. Attorney S. J. Blinn for the dentist obtained permission to amend his complaint.

G. W. Allen has amended his complaint against A. M. Terry for malicious arrest on an embezzlement charge.

Grimm & Skelley have amended their complaint against H. Baunheimer for the enforcement of a raise purchase contract.

Probate Matters.
The petition for partial distribution of the Kearney estate has again been postponed, this time to January 21st.

Alma Satterberg has petitioned for permission to sell twenty acres of land from the Andrew G. Satterberg estate and hearing will be had on January 21st.

Taps Should Build Schools.
Tokio, Dec. 17. The Nichi Nichi, in a leader today, declares that the most practical solution of the complications at San Francisco would be for the Japanese residents there to build their own schools, and if necessary secure aid from the Japanese government.

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Cure a Cold in One Day
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BAKERS AGREE ON HOURS

Ten Hours to Constitute a Day.

Salesmen and Bakers Also Decide on Time for Starting Work.

Salesmen's and Bakers' trade union No. 430 of this city, have reached an important agreement with the master bakers of Fresno, on the matter of defining the hours to constitute a day's work and the time at which the men shall begin work. The employees and employers have decided that ten hours shall constitute a regular day's work, and have made other arrangements in regard to the schedule on which the men shall work.

The union held a meeting last evening in Union hall and endorsed the agreement with the master bakers, which includes the Home Bakery, Redlock Brothers, the Model Bakery, Pearson's Bakery and the French Bakery. The agreement was also ratified by the Labor Council several days ago, and will be in effect from and after the morning of Thursday, December 20th.

The agreement provides that six days shall constitute a week's work, each regular working day to consist of ten hours. The employees are to be allowed time and a half pay for work on Sundays and holidays and for overtime on other days. The delivery of wholesale delivery wagons are to start out on their work at 5:30 a. m., throughout the whole year, in the city; the drivers of retail delivery wagons are to start out at 6:30 a. m. from December 1st to June 1st, and at 6 a. m. from June 1st to December 1st. Both wholesale and retail delivery drivers are to start out at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The country delivery wagons are to start at 7:30 o'clock in the morning, and are not to retail their goods within the city limits. A line at \$3 is to be imposed on any driver who does not comply with the terms of the agreement, and he is to be declared not in good standing till he pays the fine.

The wages of the employees of the bakeries are not affected by the terms of the new agreement. They will remain as at present, varying from \$40 to \$70.

SCHLESINGER TO BE IN COURT TOMORROW

Meteoric Young Man Who Had Buying Mania Will Be Given Hearing.

Leo Schlesinger, the young man who got into trouble here a short time ago on account of his mania for purchasing automobiles and anything else he could lay his hands on, will have a hearing before Judge Briggs Wednesday afternoon on the charges of forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses.

The charge of forgery was preferred against him by Mr. Turner, of the Fresno bar hall, who caused a check in the sum of \$12, to which Schlesinger had forged Herman Koplan's signature. The other charge was made by Herman Koplan, from whom the young man rented a suit of clothes, and later sold the same to "Uncle Ike" for \$2, which he used to purchase tickets for the Robert Edson performance at the Barton.

It is understood that the boy's father has sent to Attorney Briggs, who is representing his interests, money enough to settle all claims and fully pay the attorney fees in the case. Mr. Turner and Mr. Koplan are willing to drop the case, but it is now out of their hands. Attorney Briggs stated yesterday afternoon that he would appear at the hearing in police court, but would not take any action until after Schlesinger is bound over to the Superior court. He will then present depositions from Chicago and other places where Schlesinger has been in trouble, to show that the boy is insane.

When asked about the boy's father, Mr. Briggs said he is not wealthy by any means but possesses the means to meet all the expenses in the case and take care of the boy.

L. C. Priest, charged with selling milk in the city without a license, will have a hearing before Judge Briggs today at 2 o'clock.

FRESNO POULTRY FOR HANFORD SHOW

Local Fanciers Will Be Represented at Kings County Exhibition.

Fresno birds will be well represented at the annual exhibit of the Kings County Poultry Association, at Hanford, this week. The show will open on Wednesday and continue for the remainder of the week. Among those from this city who will contribute to the exhibit are: Fulton G. Berry, O. Williams, Justice of the Peace G. W. Smith, Holland & Holland, George R. Andrews and others. A number of the members of the local association have made arrangements to attend the show next Thursday.

PARADOXICAL TAX ORDER OF FRANCE

Would Levy Upon Titles Which Were Long Ago Declared Abolished.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The French, with the refreshing habit of being ever ready to provide a new sensation have put the stamp of state recognition on the titles of the nobility, after having declared such titles non-existent.

The chamber has assented to such a project, on the Budget Committee's proposals for the sake of providing further revenue. The titles are not to be re-established, or made legal, but their bearers and users are to be compelled to pay a tax, as well as those who inherit them.

The joke is that the tax is to be levied only on titles known to be authentic, so fake titles may flourish untraced, and without interference.

All mayors are to be requested to send in lists of persons bearing titles, whether they are real or false.

British Official Changes

LONDON, Dec. 17. Sir Montague Ommanney, permanent under secretary for the colonies, will retire in January. He will be succeeded by Sir Francis Wood, permanent secretary of the board of trade.



Exquisite Gifts of Silver

Mirrors, Brushes, Powder Jars, Manicure Sets, Toilet Articles

Elegant gifts for women—and men. Our assortment of beautiful sterling silver novelties is still unbroken, although selling has been heavier than ever before. We are showing the largest and finest stock of toilet wares to be found in Fresno, and invite your early inspection and selection. Prices vary, as follows:

Solid Silver Shaving Sets, \$5 to \$7.50.
Solid Silver Comb and Brush in pretty box, \$6.75 to \$10.
Gentlemen's Solid Silver Military Brushes, pair \$7 to \$10.
Ladies' Combs with Solid Silver mountings, \$1.25 to \$2.50.
Brushes with Solid Silver backs, \$1.50 to \$2.
Cut Glass Perf Boxes, Solid Silver tops, \$2.50 to \$3.50.
Cut Glass Salve Jars, Solid Silver tops, 75c to \$2.

Cut Glass Toilet Powder Boxes, Solid Silver tops, \$3.
Cut Glass Tooth Powder Boxes, Solid Silver tops, \$1.75.
Cut Glass Tooth Brush Bottles, Solid Silver tops, \$1 to \$1.50.
Nail File, Solid Silver handle, 75c to \$2.
Cuticle, Solid Silver handle, 75c to \$2.
Corn Knife, Solid Silver handle, 75c to \$2.
Facezers, Solid Silver handle, 75c to \$2.
Button Hooks, Solid Silver handle, 75c to \$2.
Solid Silver Scissors, \$1.50 to \$3.

Solid Silver Toilet Sets, \$17 to \$50.
Solid Silver Manicure Sets, \$5 to \$10.
Ladies' Solid Silver Hair Brushes, \$4 to \$7.50.
Ladies' Solid Silver Mirrors, \$8.75 to \$12.
Solid Silver Cloth Brushes, \$2.75 to \$3.
Solid Silver Hat Brushes, \$1.75 to \$2.50.
Solid Silver Velvet Brushes, \$1.

Rogers' "1847" Silverware for Christmas Giving

A pretty set of knives or forks or spoons always gladdens the heart of every woman.

Sale prices prevail:
Rogers' "1847" Knives, set of 6, \$1.85
Rogers' "1847" Knives and Forks, set of 6, \$3.75
Rogers' "1847" Teaspoons, set of 6, \$1.25
Rogers' "1847" Tablespoons, set of 6, \$2.50
Rogers' "1847" Dessert Spoons, set of 6, \$2.25
Rogers' "1847" Fruit Knives, set of 6, \$1.50
Rogers' "1847" Salad Forks, set of 6, \$2.50
Rogers' "1847" Butter Knife and Sugar Shovel, set, \$1.35
Rogers' "1847" Meat Forks, each, \$1.25
Rogers' "1847" Butter Knife, Sugar Shovel and Cream Ladle, set, \$1.85

Beautiful, Sparkling Cut Glass—Expressive Gifts

Cut Glass is always rich and beautiful. No matter how small the article is, it's received with pleasure and satisfaction because it's cut glass.

We're the finest assortment in town, and can please you as to prices. You can always find something here at any price you wish to pay.
Cut Glass Compots, \$5 to \$15
Cut Glass Nappies, \$1.75 to \$10
Cut Glass Hovels, \$6 to \$50
Cut Glass Plates, \$3.50 to \$15
Cut Glass Tumblers, set of 4, \$2
Cut Glass Sugar and Cream, \$3.75 to \$15
Cut Glass Jugs and Pitchers, \$7 to \$20
Cut Glass Vases, \$2.75 to \$18

Gift Suggestions

that will quickly help you solve that difficult question.
Gold Bracelets, \$7 to \$35
Beauty Pins, pair, \$2 to \$10
Gold Crosses, \$2 to \$15
Watch Fobs, \$5 to \$30
Parker Fountain Pens, \$1.50 to \$20
Solid Gold Cuff Links, \$2 to \$15
Buck Combs, \$1.25 to \$12

Clock Prices Reduced

Take advantage of these money saving prices, and give clocks for Christmas gifts.
More details:
\$3.25 Fancy Gift Clocks, for, \$3.20
\$4.25 Fancy Gift Clocks, for, \$3.15
\$6 Fancy Gift Clocks, for, \$4.70
\$8.50 Mantel Clocks, for, \$6.60

Ladies' Watch, \$12

There's nothing nicer or more appropriate than a nice watch for a Christmas gift. It is something everybody has use for and will last forever.
A time-piece like this one will indeed delight the receiver. Twenty-year gold filled, open face, hunting case, Elgin or Waltham movement.
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They're made by the same people that supply Tiffany in New York, so you can readily understand they're works of art.
Our variety is large and our styles are beautiful.
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DEATH OF A SEA CAPTAIN

Philip D. Montgomery Died in Fresno.

Made Trips on Whaler to Japan Sea for Many Years.

Captain Philip D. Montgomery, a well-known sea captain who recently came to Fresno with his wife to reside, passed away yesterday morning at 7 o'clock at the family residence, at 1152 K street, in this city. He had been afflicted with heart trouble for some time and came to this city three weeks ago from San Francisco in the hope that a change of climate would put that medical science could do, the captain gradually failed till he came as noted.

Captain Montgomery was a native of Hartford, Connecticut, and was 50 years of age. He had followed the sea for the past eighteen years and for a number of years commanded the whaling bark Alice Knowles. He was of a sturdy nature, and achieved success in many trips to the Japan and Okotsk seas in search of whale. For the past ten years Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery have made San Francisco their home port, and for the past year the captain's health has failed from exposure to the rigors of the Arctic seas.

Captain Montgomery leaves a widow, who now resides in Fresno, to mourn his demise, also brothers and sisters residing in Hartford, Connecticut. His parents both passed away several years ago in Hartford. The widow has the sympathy of many friends in Fresno in her bereavement.

The funeral will be held Wednesday from St. Johns & Beat's undertakers, on I street, in this city, and the interment for the service has not yet been set.

The remains will be interred in their last resting place in the Maunaloa cemetery.

QUEEREST FAMILY IN THE WORLD

William Bennett, superintendent of electric lighting in this town, has the most remarkable family in the world. From his wife down to his youngest child they are all carved from wood by Bennett's own hands. They live in a nice eight-room house, are dressed expensively, for Bennett has plenty of money, and they wear jewelry. Naturally they are the talk of the town.

There are many advantages in having such a family as this one, for the wife can never quarrel with her husband, no matter how bad with her husband, for the wife has only for chop them up into kindling wood if they become refractory in such matters, and as for the sons, if they refuse to follow their father's footsteps he has

only to put them into the stove, and they will help make the house comfortable.

While "Mrs. Bennett," as the neighbors humor Bennett by calling the high-ornate stick that passes as his wife, has little to say, her husband dresses her in the latest fashions and has the best dressmaker in town keep her right up to style. His daughters do not attend school, as it would be impossible to learn any knowledge into their heads except with pinheads, but they hold receptions at which the finest people here attend. The sons are well-beloved young fellows, and nothing has ever been said against their habits in any way.

The case of Mr. Bennett is the most remarkable of its kind in the world. He is not an insane man by any means, but knows exactly what he is doing and why he is doing it.—Fort Bragg dispatch to Chicago Tribune.

Boodling Senator in Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 17.—The Supreme court today sustained the sentence of State Senator F. O. Butt of Hot Springs, convicted of bribery in the last legislature and sentenced to the penitentiary for two years.

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Match Safes	Fruit Dishes	Salad Bowls
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Money Banks	Creamers	Table Mats
Dolls	Children's Mugs	Bear Mugs
Pin Trays	Shaving Mugs	Sugar and Cream Sets
Glasses	A. D. Cups and Saucers	Mustard Pots
Cake Plates	Tea Cups and Saucers	Candle Sticks
Olive Dishes	A. B. C. Plates	Spoon Trays
Celery Trays	Stamp Boxes	Nut Cracks
Vases	Nickled Goods	Tea Pots
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20 per cent discount until 25th on Jardiniers of all kinds and Utopian, Lorewelsa and Rozane art pottery.

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20 Cents Worth of Best Mixed Nuts.

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They are useful to crack and eat the nuts or to give as a present.

We have 200 sets to sell.

That Christmas Table

May need toning up a little, if so let us furnish you a pretty candle shade, and stick, fancy candles, a pretty vase, fancy napkins, doilies, etc.

Good Things to Eat

Of every description and kind. Just call in and see the world of good things we can show you to put on the table, or prepare for same. Our warehouses and cellars are simply full of the purest, freshest, and most wholesome edibles, including fine French candies in bulk and Lowrey's fancy packages, made especially for Christmas.

Bluestone

We now have plenty of the highest quality Bluestone.

SOCIAL AND CLUB NEWS

All the way from Panama comes the news of the engagement of a popular girl, Miss Susie Bryan, who was a visitor to Fresno for about a year, the guest of her cousin, Mrs. William Forsyth and Mrs. Lee Gray, some two or three years ago. Her genial good humor and vivacity made her a favorite in Fresno society and during her stay here she made a number of close friends who will be most interested in the happy news of her engagement to a fine young chap in Panama, a South Carolina by birth, Will Russell, in the service of the government there. Since leaving Fresno Miss Bryan has been with relatives in the East, and about a year ago entered a St. Louis hospital to study for a trained nurse. Her brother accepted a position in Panama and she followed him there. Her letter in which she tells the news of her engagement and wedding, which follows closely, probably in a month or two, is characteristically light and breezy and filled with interesting things about the country and people.

On the "Zone," as she calls their location, living is exceedingly high and other things in proportion. "We pay 60 cents a yard for cloth," she writes, "and then on account of the climate it falls to pieces after a second wearing." Even the letters you write to friends have to be put in the oven to dry the ink which will not otherwise evaporate on account of the dampness. Now the dry season is about to begin and for four months everything will be dried up, then comes the rains—and such rains as she tells of—much worse than anything we have in this country. There is quite a lot of gay social life there, among the American colonists, as many as two dances a week, besides dinners and other gay doings. Miss Bryan told of the merry Thanksgiving dinner they had enjoyed with some friends at her brother's home, where she is housekeeper. It was an immensely interesting letter, full of enthusiasm about the new life down there.

Mr. and Mrs. Montague Parsons and little son are expected down from Walnut Creek, their country home near Berkeley, to spend Christmas with the former's mother, Mrs. W. B. Parsons, and other relatives. If Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gessler and son from Los Angeles join the Parsons clan for Christmas there will indeed be a happy family reunion.

Mrs. J. H. Egan of this city is visiting in Berkeley with Mrs. H. M. Montague, formerly of Fresno. Last week Mrs. Montague entertained at a very pleasant little card party for her visitors, at which several ex-Fresnians were present.

IN THE LODGE ROOM.

The attendance at the weekly meeting of Fresno Lodge, I. O. O. F., was unusually large last night, and a meeting of much enthusiasm was held. The second degree was conferred upon the following six candidates: George H. Ball, W. M. Ruth, L. G. Mackay, Fred A. Berg, Clyde Samson, Fred Tigge. Among the several visitors present were G. R. and John Otley from Greenwald, Indiana, D. W. Riggs from Alva, O. T. Under the good of the order the visitors made interesting speeches. Rev. S. N. March, who has recently returned from San Diego, entertained the brothers with a most interesting description of his trip and the places visited.

Knights of the Maccabees.
Fresno tent, Knight of the Maccabees, had several important matters before it to discuss last night at its weekly gathering of members. It was decided to hold installation of officers the first meeting night in January, the following committee appointed to make necessary arrangements: J. W. Southwick, J. W. Ogilvie, W. W. Dodge, H. O. Lathrop was initiated last night. One visitor from Portland was present, Sir Knight Evans.

Fraternity Brotherhood.
At a well attended meeting last night of Fresno Lodge, Fraternity Brotherhood, Miss Maud Townsend and Miss Vernie Leach were initiated. Six applications for membership were filed. Great preparations are in progress for the Christmas tree entertainment for Christmas even. The committee reported favorable progress last night, and every one is anticipating a real good time and a big crowd to enjoy it.

Navajo Council.
An interesting session of Navajo council, Degree of Pochontas, was held last night. It was chiefly a business session, at which arrangements were begun for a New Year's eve party in which the Redmen will be asked to participate. There is to be a "500" and dancing, the arrangements being left to a committee including Mrs. R. O. Sommer, Mrs. Lila Pickford, Mrs. Grace Pickford, Miss Hendricks. At the close of the session last night the members joined in a social game of high five.

VINEYARD HANDS GO ON STRIKE

Pruners Demand \$1.50 Instead of \$1.25 for a Day's Work.
According to reports received here about 150 pruners employed on the Fresno, Sunnyside, Marguerita, Eison and other vineyards in that vicinity struck for higher wages yesterday morning. The men have been receiving \$1.25 per day and board. They now demand \$1.50 per day and board, or \$2 and board themselves. The concerted action of the men is the first trouble of that nature that the managers of the different vineyards have ever experienced. Several of the managers were called up by phone last evening and admitted that there was some trouble over the wages and that as yet they have not decided what they would do in the matter. One manager stated that if the men intended to strike for higher wages, the owners of the different vineyards would have to hold a meeting to discuss ways and means to protect themselves. It was reported last evening that the strikers came to the Barton vineyard and asked the men to join them in the strike. They spoke to the manager about the matter and were told that they were at perfect liberty to stop work. The men evidently thought they were being lousy dealt with, for none of them have joined the strikers as yet. It seems that the men demanded higher wages for the reason that someone has been circulating a report among them that the owners have been receiving 7 1/2 cents per pound for raisins. The vineyardists say that they have not been receiving more than 6 cents, and that price was paid only towards the end of the season when it became

known that there was a shortage in the supply of raisins.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Colson, whose many friends have been looking forward to a Christmas visit from them, will arrive from Los Angeles on Wednesday. They arrived from Europe in this country sometime in October and since then have been visiting relatives in the East, stopping enroute at Los Angeles with Mr. Colson's brother and wife, Capt. and Mrs. H. D. Colson, formerly of Fresno. They will visit for some time with Mr. and Mrs. Alva E. Snow.

Mrs. W. A. Novits of the Paragon vineyard and her guest, Miss Susie Payot of San Francisco, left yesterday morning for San Francisco, after a stay of a month or more at the Nevill's beautiful vineyard on Kearney avenue.

The Monday Afternoon sewing circle met with Miss Grace Shover yesterday afternoon. Very welcome are these jolly little afternoons of industry just now with belated Christmas gifts to finish and the work is all the pleasanter for the sociable chat which accompanies it when this intimate little circle meets.

This afternoon at the residence of Mrs. James Anderson, on the corner of Mariposa and 8 street, the members of the Mizpah circle of the First Presbyterian church will hold a sale of fancy Christmas articles, the proceeds to go toward the church debt.

Miss Ethel Shaver is expected home on Thursday from Los Angeles, where she has been attending school, to spend a holiday with her parents.

Miss Beatrice Williams, who has been visiting friends in San Francisco and Oakland for the past fortnight, returned on the Owl Saturday night. She will be the guest for a few weeks of Mrs. W. D. Cones.

Mrs. Charles Walter has gone to Byron Springs for a sojourn of a week or more for the benefit of her health.

Junior Coates is expected down from San Francisco the end of this week on a holiday visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Coates. He will be accompanied home by a fraternity brother from Philadelphia, Monte Travers, who will spend the holidays with him.

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HORSE JUMPS AND BREAKS SHAFT

Young Animal of Clark Stephens Meets With Accident on Street.

A handsome young bay horse, belonging to Clark Stephens, while standing, attached to a buggy on J street yesterday afternoon, met with an accident which came near having very serious results. The horse was hitched to an iron post on the sidewalk on the J street side of Boles and Henderson's market, when the animal became frightened at some passing object. He jumped forward onto the sidewalk, and in doing so broke the right shaft clear in two.

The horse kicked and reared and was in danger of running one end of the broken shaft into its side, when some bystanders interfered and rescued the animal from its perilous position. As it was, the horse was considerably scratched up by jumping against the broken end of the shaft and against the iron hitching post. The buggy was taken to a carriage shop by Mr. Stephens to be repaired. The horse is highly prized by Mr. Stephens.

MINSTREL SHOW TOMORROW NIGHT

Beach and Bowers' Aggregation Well Spoken of—Grand Opera on Saturday.

The Beach & Bowers' famous all white minstrels, entertained a large and select audience at the Grand last night. It was a real selection that we had a good minstrel company, yet Beach & Bowers seemed to hold the attention of all. Their jokes were original, singing and dancing right up-to-date, introducing several new features and parodies. Alberto, the flexible marvel, was one of the best contortionists ever seen on the stage, seemingly having no bones.—Daily Statesman, Salem, Ore., Nov. 10th.

Beach & Bowers' minstrels are slated to appear at the Barton tomorrow night. The sale of seats is now open; prices 25, 50 and 75 cents.

Manager Barton announces that the seat sale will open tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock for the engagement of the Lombardi Grand Opera company from Milan, Italy, which will be given in Donizetti's beautiful "Lucia Di Lamermoor" on Saturday evening. The company has been playing a long engagement in Los Angeles and other Southern cities and will be seen at the Barton for one performance only before opening an engagement in San Francisco.

WOMAN'S REMAINS BURNED IN BARREL

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 17.—The charred remains of a young woman were found today on the mountain between here and Elvendale. A slipper, comb and the frame of a woman's hat were nearby. Under the body were three wire loops, such as are used on barrels. It is the belief of the police that the woman was murdered and then placed in the barrel and burned. This theory is strengthened by the color of kerchief near the place. The identity of the woman has not been established. County Detective Jones said tonight that it was his opinion that the body found is not that of a Hazleton woman, but that the girl was murdered elsewhere, he body placed in the barrel, sent here and then burned. A post mortem examination revealed the fact that an axe or hatchet was used in chopping around the neck to get the head into the barrel. The legs were also broken so that they could be forced in. Dry spots of blood were found in the bottom of the barrel, but the physicians who examined the remains say they cannot tell whether the murder was of recent date.

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Navel Oranges—40¢ doz.
Bananas—25¢ 35¢ doz.
Pineapples—20¢ doz.
Pineapples—40¢ doz.
String Beans—15¢ lb.
Green Peas—10¢ per lb.
Hubbard Squash—3c lb.
Tomatoes—10¢ lb.
Green Peppers—10¢ lb.
Tomatoes—30¢ per lb.
Radishes—2 bunches 5c.
Cabbage—2½¢ per lb.
Horse radish—25¢ per lb.
Onions—2½¢ per lb.
Turnips—2½¢ per bunch.
Parsnips—2½¢ per bunch.
Cauliflower—10¢ 15¢ bunch.
Lettuce—3 for 10¢.
Carrots—2½¢ per bunch.
Lima Beans—10¢ lb.
Cranberries—15¢ qt.
Sprouts—1b., 10¢.
Poultry.
Chickens—Broilers, dressed, 35¢ 40¢.
per lb., alive, 30¢ per lb.
Chickens—Fryers, dressed, 40¢ per lb.; alive, 35¢ per lb.
Chickens—Dressed hen, 30¢ per lb.; alive hen, 20¢ 25¢ per lb.
Turkeys—Dressed, 15¢ per lb.; alive, 15¢ per lb.
GRAIN.
Wheat—\$1.25 and \$1.35.
Barley—95¢; \$24 a ton.
Egyptian Corn—\$1.35 per 100; ton, \$25.00.
Corn—\$2.00.
MILLSTUFFS.
Fresno Flour—\$1.30¢ \$1.35.
Kaucho Flour—\$1.35.
Al Flour—\$1.50.
Crown Flour—\$1.40.
Middlings—\$1.45.
Bran—5¢ per sack; \$25 per ton.
Wheat—\$2.25 per sack; \$27 and \$28 per ton.
Corn Meal—35¢ per 10-lb. sack.
Graham Meal—35¢ per 10-lb. sack.
Whole Wheat Flour—35¢ per 10-lb. sack.
Cracked Wheat—35¢ per 10-lb. sack.
Oat Meal—40¢ per 10-lb. sack.
Rye Meal—35¢ per 10-lb. sack.
BUTTER, EGGS AND HONEY.
Creamery—50¢ per roll.
Dairy—60¢ per roll.
Eggs—30¢ per dozen; 2 for 65¢.
Cumbin Honey—20¢ comb.
FRESH MEATS.
Beef Steak—10¢ 15¢; roast 10¢ 15¢.
Mutton—10¢ 15¢ per lb.
Lamb—12½¢ 20¢ per pound.
Pork—12¢ 20¢.
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Moody Took His Place on the Supreme Bench.

Bonaparte Succeeds Him and Metcalf Goes to Navy, Straus Filling Vacancy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(Special S.) Straus of New York was this morning inducted into the office of secretary of commerce and labor, in pursuance of the arrangements of the cabinet recently made by President Roosevelt.

The ceremony incident to the retirement of Secretary Metcalf, who has been at the head of the department since July 1, 1905, and the induction into office of Secretary Straus took place shortly after 9 o'clock this morning in the secretary's office at the department. The oath of office was administered to Straus by Frank H. Larned, chief clerk of the bureau of immigration.

Secretary Metcalf, in relinquishing the duties of the office, formally expressed to those about him his great personal regret at the severance of relations which always had been so pleasant. He assured them, however, that Straus would maintain similar cordial relations with the people of the department.

Secretary Straus, in a brief address, expressed the desire to continue the present relations that existed between Secretary Metcalf and the officials of the department and said it would be his policy so far as might be possible, to continue the policy of his predecessor. He said he would take his cue from the man whose strength lies in the fact that he could depend upon and enlist the hearty co-operation of those about him. At the conclusion of the address, Secretary Straus and Secretary Metcalf held an informal reception of the bureau heads.

O. E. Weed, one of the clerks of the department, has been selected by Straus to be his private secretary. Leonard A. Clark, who has been private secretary to Metcalf, will continue with Metcalf in a like capacity in the navy department.

Secretary Metcalf arrived at the navy department with Secretary Bonaparte at 10 o'clock. The oath of office was administered by Solicitor General of the navy department in the presence of Assistant Secretary Newberry, Rear Admiral Riker, surgeon general of the navy; Assistant Secretary Murray of the department of commerce and labor; and the bureau chiefs of that department, who went to the navy department in a body after Straus had been inducted into office.

Secretary Bonaparte in a brief address congratulated the new secretary upon the appointment implied in his choice for the office of secretary of the navy. No office, he said, exists of greater moment to the honor, the vital, and even the national, life of our common country.

Secretary Metcalf briefly responded, declaring that he always had taken an interest in the American navy. His first assignment as a member of the house of representatives, he said, was to the naval committee and that interest became intensified.

The secretary then received the officers and employees of the navy department. At 11 o'clock, Charles J. Bonaparte, the retiring secretary of the navy, took the prescribed oath as attorney general, and entered upon his new duties. The obligation was administered by Solicitor General, the appointment clerk of the department of justice, in the presence of Bonaparte's predecessor, William H. Moody, the assistant attorney general, the solicitor general and the principal officers of the department of justice. Moody was the first to receive congratulations. Bonaparte declared he would be guided in the performance of his duties by the example and counsel of his predecessor.

William H. Moody, formerly attorney general, today entered upon his duties as an associate justice of the Supreme court of the United States, thus bringing the court up to its full membership. He was inducted into office at the beginning of today's sitting of the court.

Having, as is customary in such cases, taken the regular oath of office in the robing room before entering the court chamber, he was escorted into the latter by the members of the bar. Under instructions of the chief justice, the clerk then read Moody's commission and administered to him an oath known as the judicial oath.

In his affirmation Moody made solemn promise to administer justice without partiality, to do equal right to poor and rich and to properly perform all the duties of the office in accordance with the constitution of the United States.

He was then escorted by Marshal J. M. Wright to his seat on the extreme left of the bench and, after the chief justice and all his associates had bowed to him, and Justice Holmes, his immediate neighbor, had extended the hand of welcome, the court proceeded with the business of the day.

Former Secretary Bonaparte was then introduced to the court as the new attorney general.

LOS ANGELES MEN OPPOSED TO SCHEME OF BIG EXPOSITION

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—A special committee of twenty-five, representing the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, the Chamber of Commerce and the Los Angeles Clearing House Association, today agreed upon a recommendation to the effect that it would be undesirable and inexpedient to promote the project of a world's fair in 1915. Members of the committee argued that the reaction following such an exposition would over-balance the benefit received.

WHO BORE ANOTHER TUNNEL. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 17.—C. A. Morse, chief engineer of the Santa Fe railway, announced that the company would drive a second tunnel through the mountain in New Mexico.

"GUILTY" SAYS YOUNG DABNER

Gaspipe Murderer Refused Aid of Counsel.

Siemens's Partner in Crime Is Said to Hope to Escape Hanging.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Louis Dabner, the self-confessed gas pipe murderer, today pleaded guilty before Superior Judge Carroll Cook. His plea was entered, not only against the advice of his attorneys, whose services he coldly dispensed with, but against the offer of Judge Cook to procure him other counsel or to protect his rights in case of appeal.

The motive assigned for Dabner's action by James L. Tauler, by whom he was represented today, was that he is possessed of a vain hope of turning state's evidence against his partner in crime, John Siemens, and that he will thus procure a lenient sentence. However, the prisoner made his plea with the full knowledge of the meaning of his step. Even the older Dabner, who influenced the confession of the crimes as given to the detectives, was not taken into his son's confidence regarding his act.

"What will your plea be?" asked Judge Cook, after explaining the full consequences of a confession of guilt. "I plead guilty," Dabner answered.

After he sat down he smiled in the direction of the attorney, whom he evidently believed he had outwitted. Evidence fixing the degree of his guilt, it was then decided, should be submitted tomorrow by Attorney James Hanley.

When Dabner was called upon to rise, Attorney Tauler stated he wished to enter a demurrer, based on technical grounds, to protect the rights of his client. The demurrer was immediately overruled. The attorney then resigned from the case.

"You understand fully," Judge Cook questioned, "that a plea of guilty is a waiver of all rights to further appeal?"

"Yes," Dabner answered.

"You understand fully the consequences of your action if you so plead?" the judge again inquired.

Dabner answered as before. It was then that he admitted his guilt unhesitatingly.

Attorney Tauler then asked that the court give the plaintiff at least the right to appeal on the demurrer but was informed that such action was too late.

John Siemens, Dabner's alleged partner in crime, will plead on December 26th.

INCENDIARY FIRE BURNED BANK AND HOTEL AT VALDEZ, ALASKA

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—A special cable to the Times from Valdez says a fire in the Bank of Valdez, believed to have been started by a burglar, and the bank and the Hotel, and the Mercantile company's building, containing a loss of \$50,000. An examination of the bank vault shows a large hole had been blown in the back of the vault. The absence of wind, a light snow on the ground work of the fire fighters prevented destruction of the town.

Rebels in British India. CALCUTTA, Dec. 17.—A band of robbers, composed chiefly of Seakhi Kheh Atrides, appeared at Baluch on Dec. 15th, captured seven persons, including two Europeans, and a number of British soldiers, and ran off with a number of camels and cattle. Two days ago the raiders raided the police post at Babli, where they secured a number of rifles.

On the Wrestling Mat. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—Frank Gulek of Iowa tonight defeated Fred Bell of Wisconsin in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match at Convention hall in this city, winning two straight falls. Gulek won the first fall in 10 minutes and 49 seconds and the second fall in 28 minutes. Eight thousand people saw the contest.

Dirigible Balloon Over Paris. PARIS, Dec. 17.—The Leland dirigible war balloon La Patrie, with War Minister Picquart on board, made another flight today, leaving Meudon and maneuvering for more than an hour over Paris.

Sweden Ratifies Algerias Treaty. STOCKHOLM, Dec. 17.—The Swedish government today ratified the Algerias convention.

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Uyeno Stirred Up the Trouble With Japan.

Intrigues that Brought About the Feeling Regarding the School Question.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—It is charged by Hisamoto Fugi, one of the leading members of the Japanese colony and editor of the Soko Shimbun, that if it had not been for the influence of Japanese Consul Uyeno and the pernicious activities of his handy man, Goroku Ikeda, the secretary of the Japanese association of American, there would be no opposition among the Japanese of this city to the segregation of the older children in the Oriental school.

"Consul Uyeno and Goroku Ikeda worked up the agitation against the Oriental school among the members of the Japanese colony," declared Editor Fugi yesterday. "The opposition to the school received its inspiration from Consul Uyeno. The Japanese think the separation of the older Japanese pupils from the young American children is perfectly proper, but they think that Japanese children who have been born in this country should be allowed to attend the same schools as white children of the same age go to. Consul Uyeno has been the leader in talking against the Oriental school, and Goroku Ikeda, who acts under the advice of the consul, has organized the movement against segregation."

Editor Fugi says that Uyeno is not popular among the Japanese of this city. He has held himself aloof from his countrymen, refusing to mingle with them socially, because he belongs to the "consular" class, while the majority of Japanese in San Francisco are of the mercantile and servant class.

So unpopular has Uyeno been with his countrymen that only a short time ago there was a movement among them to secure his recall by the mikado's government. This movement has now been abandoned because the consul's term of office expires next year and he will return to his native land.

According to Editor Fugi, the intimacy between Consul Uyeno and Goroku Ikeda, the secretary of the Japanese association of America, an organization under the tutelage of Japanese government officials for the protection of Japanese interests, is the cause of much unfavorable criticism. Ikeda has been accused of being involved in an unsavory scandal over the importation of Japanese women for immoral purposes. One of the Japanese papers published alleged details of his connection with this traffic, and he has since brought a damage suit against the publication for \$10,000. The suit is now pending in Judge Carroll Cook's court.

There is much bitter feeling among the local Japanese over Ikeda's activities in connection with the school controversy and other matters. He is credited with acting under the advice of Consul Uyeno in all his dealings with the members of the Japanese colony.

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CITY LIGHTS AND STREETS

NO SIDEWALK BEYOND SUBWAY

Fresno Street to Be Left for Present.

Bunch of Suspicious Bids Put In on Street Grading Last Night.

Resolutions of intention for the laying of cement sidewalks on Fresno street west to A street were presented to the meeting of the City Trustees last night, but after considerable discussion, the whole matter went over on the understanding that the laying of sidewalk there should not be delayed for more than six months or a year.

The opposition to the work was made by Trustee Statham, who had opposed the matter when it was first brought up. He said again that he believed that this street should not be sidewalked until after many others were done, where the property owners were wealthier and better able to pay for it. He said the class of residents there was a poor one, who in some cases would be sold out to do the work.

Mayor Lyon pointed out the hopes that the board had of making this one of the most attractive streets in the city, and reminded the board that property upon it is held at \$200 or more a lot. Some of the other trustees favored the improvement. Collins said that it was a question of working hardships that would be caused by the laying of sidewalks between G and P streets, within the city limits. Messrs. Larson, Burnett and other property owners were present to speak on the subject, and asked that the work be put off for a year.

The matter finally resulted in the board's dropping the proposition for the sidewalk west from the Southern Pacific reservation, while the sidewalk between I and J street is also dropped, which will be subsequent to the completion of the subway.

Rigs in Streets.
This discussion brought up the question of the blacksmiths' vehicles that obstruct the streets. Mr. Larson, the blacksmith, was asked why he did not provide some other place for the wagons he repairs instead of violating the city ordinances by letting them stand in the public street. He defended himself by saying that if he could not do the work on the street, he would do it outside of the city limits, to the inconvenience of both the city and the farmers.

"The farmer comes into town and spends his money," he said, "and he should be encouraged. He wants to have his work done here and spend his money and perhaps get boozed up a little."

Some of the trustees suggested that it was the duty of the blacksmiths to secure big enough quarters, and the mayor asked the superintendent of streets if he would not simply take possession of the rigs he finds on the streets and drag them off.

There was but one bid on the sidewalk on Blackstone avenue, that of the Fresno Artificial Stone company for 33 1/2 cents a square foot. It was accepted.

D. D. Allison was granted permission to lay sidewalk by private contract along his property on Calaveras. It will complete the cement sidewalks on Calaveras street.

Street Grading Bids.
The work of grading Kern street from R to Angus was awarded to D. G. Paul & Son for \$750. A. B. Brooks bid \$1200 and Walter Truesdell, \$900. The same contractor got the grading of Mono street from C to the alley between E and F for \$410. Truesdell bid \$730.

The grading of C street between Monterey to Mono street was held up and referred to the city engineers for report. The bids were Paul & Son, \$1190; Truesdell, \$1850. There is a bill to be made, but the bids seemed pretty good.

On the next street a new bidder appeared and got the work. George Nettleton was awarded the grading of Angier from I to L, for \$397, over Paul & Son, \$450, and Truesdell, \$450.

Paul & Son got P street from Santa Clara to the city limits for \$400. Truesdell bid \$570.
A. B. Brooks got K street from Los Angeles to Hamilton for \$450. Truesdell offered \$970 and Paul & Son, \$850. Sacramento, H to J, went to Paul & Son for \$424. Truesdell bid \$490 and Nettleton, \$494.

Bids on the following streets were rejected as being suspiciously high: Howard, Silva to Alice, Paul & Son, \$820; Truesdell, \$900; Brooks, \$720; Mono, R to Angus, Truesdell, \$775; Paul & Son, \$750; L. Los Angeles to San Diego, Truesdell, \$410; Paul & Son, \$350; Brooks, \$700; Inyo, R to Angus, Truesdell, \$1175; Paul & Son, \$1090; Park avenue, McKenzie to Belmont, Paul & Son, \$1320; Truesdell, \$1400; Nettleton, \$1475.

Paul & Son were awarded Santa Clara street from I to J for \$390. Truesdell's bid was \$430.
The following bids were rejected altogether: N. Monterey to Los Angeles, Truesdell, \$940; Paul & Son, \$900; Alice, Valeria to Theda, Paul & Son, \$225; Brooks, \$350; Nettleton, \$295; Truesdell, \$300.

It developed that Truesdell, who is a cousin of Paul's, is in his employ and presumably his bids, which were all higher than Paul's, were collusive.
On motion of Trustee V. Collins, the city engineer was directed to draw up a resolution of intention for the grading of F street from Tuolumne to El Dorado.

A resolution of intention for the grading of Angus street from Tulare to Belmont was passed.
A similar resolution passed regarding the sidewalking of two half blocks on Merced street in the central part of town.

City Attorney Ewing reported to the board a set of specifications for asphalt pavement for general use, such as were

SALOONS ASK FOR LICENSE

All Retail Places Make Re-Application.

Nothing More Said About Proposition to Raise Rate to \$1000 a Year.

There was about a year ago a proposition solemnly adopted by the City Board of Trustees that at the first of the coming April the retail saloon license in this city should be \$1000 a year, instead of the \$500 a year, to which figure the license had been reduced from \$600. Since then, two changes have been made in the personnel of the board, and last night, in receiving applications for licenses from all the saloon keepers in town, nothing was said about the proposition to raise licenses again.

The most of the licenses lapse on the first of the year, but a number do not expire until April 1st. In order to simplify the matter of handling applications, all the fifty-three firms have put in applications for renewals at this time, and upon whom these are granted they doubtless will be, the rate will have been continued for \$500 for all of the coming year.

The retail liquor men who applied last evening were as follows:
The Turf, 1103 J street; Wm. David, 1043 I street; Quong Hing, 1029 J street; C. Harzog & Co., 1029 J street; Old Palm Garden, 1182 J street; Fresno Beer Hall, 1827 Mariposa street; Fook Lee, 1825 Tulare street; Hess & Winover, 1828 Mariposa street; A. Bronze, 1117 I street; The Bohemian, 2914 Mariposa street; Capital Hotel, 1101 G street; Sing Chung Lung, 1520 Tulare street; Harizan & Timmon, 1121 J street; Frank Bristow, 1840 Mariposa street; John J. Kern, 2933 Mariposa street; F. Rouguy, 1151 F street; Kachler Bros., 1017 J street; J. F. Townsend, 1001 G street; Jas. Ryan, 1802 Tulare street; New Palm Garden, 1102 J street; Eli Reid, 1033 I street; The Mountain, 1923 Mariposa street; The Lounge, 1137 F street; W. E. Jordan, 2938 Mariposa street; L. Achenman, 1030 I street; Gilt Edge 1921 I street; N. J. Smiley, 733 G street; The Commercial, 1919 Mariposa street; Farmers' Exchange, 1925 Tulare street; Paul Meyers, corner H and Kern streets; W. G. Barnum, corner Mono and G streets; T. E. Collins, 1030 I street; White Fawn, 2000 Mariposa street; F. Weinlow, 1024 Mariposa street; A. Yriberren, 923 Santa Fe avenue; J. E. Bitzer, and Fresno streets; Grand Central Hotel, corner J and Mariposa streets; J. Biedegay & Co., 1133 G street; E. Langley, 1014 I street; Launfuss & Langley, 1014 G street; Leonard & Lane, 1149 K street; A. Schubert & Company, 2023 Tulare street; J. R. Austin, 2027 Mariposa street; Geo. Jovovich, 2025 Fresno street; A. Borgor, 541 G street; Fred Dodd, The Hughes Hotel; E. P. Kaiser corner Kern and I streets; Jeantrout, Borden & Co., 1918 Tulare street; and Froberg, Fresno and I streets; Molano & Trichini, 1141 G street; J. P. Pimentel, Fresno and I streets; H. P. Black, Fresno and K streets; J. Killien, Tulare and K streets.

Applications were made for restaurant and wholesale liquor licenses as follows: Quan Kee Jen, 915 South China alley; K. Natsuyama, 1318 Tulare street; T. Yamazaki, 931 South China alley; M. Odono, 1512 Tulare street; M. Muramoto, 1524 Kern street; H. Iwata, 901 South China alley; Y. Lagayama, corner Kern and F streets; M. Takader, 908 China alley; G. Furukawa, 1448 Kern street; Sun Tse Lee Co., 947 G street.

All the applications were referred to the mayor and the chief of police, to be reported upon at the next meeting. After the meeting, Mayor Lyon stated that as far as he knew there would be no raising of the retail liquor license at this time.

The following petitions for transfers of liquor licenses were all reported to the mayor and the chief of police: Jess Walton to Alice Summers, S. J. Weaver to Sky Hess, J. F. Maroon to Harrison & Timmon.

Trustee Myers brought up the matter of forbidding the entrance of children into saloons at any time, even with the consent of the parents. The city ordinances at this time provide that a saloon keeper's license shall be taken away if he permit children to enter his place without the written consent of parents. Mr. Myers stated that he thought any parent who would give such consent should be punished.

The matter of preparing such an ordinance was referred to the ordinance committee.

used on Merced street and I street. These were approved.

On motion of Trustee Collins, the city engineer was directed to prepare a resolution of intention for the grading and sidewalking of Sumner avenue from Park to Coast.

On Contractor Tamba's report that he had done a certain amount of work on the new city sewer, he was allowed \$450.52.

The matter of securing deeds from property owners near the Lowell school for a right of way for a sewer 'rough' back that has no alley was referred to Trustee Myers as a special committee.

A request from Clark Steger to place an electric sign on J street was referred to the street committee.

MOSCOW STUDENTS HAD BOOKS AND BOMBS

MOSCOW, Dec. 17.—In the course of a search made in the Basmanoff quarter of this city yesterday, a number of books were discovered, a number of bombs were discovered, a number of books from the library of the Dussanoff institute of Oriental languages were also found. Following up this clue the police searched the library and discovered more books and a quantity of apparatus and material for the manufacture of explosives.

Up to the present time, fifty members of the revolutionary fighting organization have been arrested in connection with the affair. Searches were conducted today in the agricultural institute and in the suburb of Vysski, which is largely inhabited by students and many more arrests were made.

DISCUSSED POWER RATES

Companies Must Turn in Detailed Statements.

Another Protest Made Against Santa Fe's Use of O Street.

The Fresno Water company, the Fresno Gas and Electric company and the San Joaquin Electric Light and Power company are directed, by an ordinance introduced last evening before the city trustees, to submit to the board a detailed statement which shall show "the rate of each rate-payer, whether for water, light or electricity, during in addition thereto his or her place of residence, showing the amount paid by each, which shall cover the period of one year, and shall also show all revenue derived from all sources, together with an itemized statement of expenditures made for supplying such water, gas or electricity." Those are to be furnished to the board within thirty days, and a penalty of \$300 is threatened for violation of the ordinance.

The introduction and passage at first reading of this ordinance led to a lengthy discussion of the matter of light and water rates in this city, and what should be done to lower them, provided they were found to be too high. A discussion of questions of "highest peak," kilowatts, amperes and the like got the board into a muddle of discussion that kept the members busy until adjournment at 11 o'clock.

Mayor Lyon advised the board to authorize the city attorney and one other person to make a trip to Stockton, and possibly other places, to ascertain what were the conditions regarding electric light charges. He said that, of course, all that the city could or should do would be to set a maximum rate that should be charged; say 7 cent a kilowatt. At the same time he presented to the board the bills that had already been filed with the city clerk, showing the various rates that are charged to firms in this city, ranging from much below to much above that figure.

Trustee Keiser suggested that there was a good deal of lower rate should be charged to firms that take their power during the day, while those that need light only at night, when everyone wants it, should pay at a higher rate. He advised against immediately attacking the power company, which he pointed out, is doing so much for this city.

City Electrician McSherry said that he was preparing for the board a statement regarding what would be a proper rate, which he would have ready by the end of January. He thought that a maximum rate of not more than 7 1/2 cents could be fixed that would not be unreasonable. He explained for the benefit of the board the meaning of a number of electrical terms which seemed to enlighten them a great deal.

The mayor pointed out that Sacramento does its own pumping for water at considerable advantage to itself, and encourages the growth of lawns by giving the water free. City Attorney Ewing declared that there is nothing in this "cheery law" proposition, as it is merely a question with the power company of turning on or off a certain number of dynamos at the power house, and what would be necessary to have could always be calculated ahead of time.

McSherry said there were but two ways to arrive at what the companies should charge. One would be to estimate the cost of establishment and operation of a steam plant to furnish the power to Fresno, and the other would be to make an estimate of the investment of the present company, and the difficulty with the last would be that the company is supplying power to four counties. All agreed that it would not be proper for the power company to charge against Fresno consumers the cost of a plant that could supply power to a much greater territory. Trustee Statham did not want to see the city do anything to injure the company which has done so much for Fresno.

Santa Fe Switching.
Again the nuisance caused by the misuse of North G street by the Santa Fe railroad company has come before the city board of trustees, this time last evening by the presentation of a protest by Attorney G. W. Cartwright on behalf of many residents in the east part of town.

Mr. Cartwright addressed the board at length on the petition. He reminded the board for many years the road had been an inconvenient residents north of Tulare street by switching up and down there, stopping travel at Tulare, Mariposa, Fresno and Merced streets, without any right whatever under their franchises. He presented a brief showing many court decisions to the effect that railroads had no such right to stop travel.

Mr. Cartwright reminded the board that, while in waiting year after year for the city to act, the property owners may have lost the rights through the state of institutions, the railroad itself had lost no rights. He pointed out that the board was evidently trying to establish a yard right as far north as Tuolumne street. He suggested that an injunction suit be begun against the Santa Fe.

Mayor Lyon stated that the board now has up with the road the question of building a subway at Ventura street; if this should be done, the road would move its yard further south. The move depends upon the success of the Southern Pacific fight. He said that a long and expensive lawsuit should be avoided if possible.

Daniels, a resident on Q street, said that the matter of needing yard room is a tedious excuse, as the road has plenty of yard room farther down. But the switchmen want to go north of Tulare street to get advantage of the rise in ground to shift cars, instead of switching with engines. He said that an engine at full steam is kept north of Tulare street for hours, waiting for incoming trains.

On motion, the whole question was referred to City Attorney Ewing for examination of what would be best for the city to do.

Plumbing Inspector.
Plumbing Inspector R. Ellithorpe was granted a raise of salary to \$125 a month. An ordinance to this effect had been laid over from the last meeting. The plumbing inspector had been getting less than plumbers in private work.

Oil Peddling Ordinance.
An ordinance fixing the license for oil

peddlers was given first reading. The rates are as follows: For business under \$500 a quarter, \$1; under \$1,200, \$1.5; over \$1,200, \$2.5.

Miscellaneous.
Municipal bonds to the amount of \$3,500 having matured they were ordered paid.

There was some discussion regarding the question of who is responsible for the grading of the city hall lot—the contractor or the city, but nothing was decided.

City Attorney Ewing reported that he had examined the abstract to the city hall for the lot adjacent to the city hall, which the board voted to purchase, and that it was clear.

Mayor Lyon suggested that the board should allow Trustees Keiser and Wrighton pay for one meeting they did not attend, but through no fault of their own. This could not be done, as City Clerk Ryan pointed out that the charter forbids his signing the warrant in such cases.

IN THE LODGE ROOM.

Fresno Aeris, No. 39, and Sanger Aeris, No. 2147, have decided to hold a joint installation of the new officers of the two lodges on Monday evening, Jan. 7th, in this city. The meeting will be followed by an elaborate banquet, and the gathering promises to be one of the biggest held by the Eagles in this county for some time.

Fresno Aeris, No. 39, held a meeting last evening in Donahoe-Elliott hall, with a large attendance of members. One new member, Thomas Henderson, was initiated into the mysteries of the order, the degree work being put on in interesting manner by the drill team.

It was decided to hold the joint installation of the two lodges, those of Fresno and Sanger, in this city on the evening of Jan. 7th, probably in the Armory hall. A committee consisting of Judge H. S. Briggs, L. I. Stock and Dr. H. B. Landin was appointed to make the arrangements for the joint gathering and the entertainment of the visiting Eagles. A special train will be run from Sanger to Fresno on the evening of the festivities, and about 100 Eagles from that place are expected to come to Fresno to attend the meeting. The A. B. of Napa, vice president of the Grand Aeris of the United States, is expected to attend and give an address during the evening.

The place for holding the banquet has not yet been settled upon, but will be announced in a day or two. The two lodges will extend every effort to make the evening an enjoyable and instructive one for the members of the organizations.

Society Dania.
Thor Lodge, Society Dania, held its semi-annual election of officers last Saturday evening. The following were elected: Past president, Dr. C. P. Kjaerbye; president, Carl Jorgensen; vice-president, Hans Nielsen; financial secretary, L. C. Duns; recording secretary, Hans Jacobsen; treasurer, O. P. Kjeldsen; marshal, Anton Olsen; vice marshal, Marshall Jensen; librarian, C. H. Smith; representatives to the grand lodge—John Hjort, Fred Jorgensen, Dr. Kjaerbye and Carl Jorgensen.

At the same meeting, there were twelve new members initiated, raising the total number to 100. Plans were perfected for the giving of a Christmas tree on December 20th, in the society hall, Old Fellows' building, and for a private ball, for the members and their friends, during January.

Fresno Rebekahs.
Fresno lodge of Rebekahs will have a Christmas tree for all Rebekahs at the meeting next Saturday night. On the following Saturday, the lodge will receive a visit from the grand president and will initiate several new members. Last Saturday evening John S. Dostal was received into the order.

LUMBER MEN SUFFER FROM CAR SHORTAGE
Statement of Hard Conditions in Pacific Northwest.

TACOMA, Dec. 16.—In the following report by J. H. Beckman, secretary of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association, has been to J. H. Debehaugh at Chicago, according to his proposal for a national reciprocal carriage act:

"The people of the East have no conception of the car shortage on the Pacific Coast. Mills have closed down and many are on the verge of bankruptcy. This car shortage has existed thirteen months and is without excuse. With the largest net earnings a mile of any railroads in the United States and smaller empty car mileage, the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railroads, and many a locomotive and one of their equipment in 1905, and these roads have less flatcars than three years ago. The average time of movement of lumber from Puget Sound to St. Paul this year is sixty-two days, or about one mile an hour. Upwards of 60,000 carloads of lumber and shingles are lost to Oregon and Washington this year on account of this situation. If the running time should be increased to one-half of the stated working time, the two roads would earn enough additional money to double track their entire systems in four years, without additional rolling stock or motive power. The policy of the railroads seems to be to destroy the present prosperity for stock jobbing purposes."

AMERICAN HEIRS TO MEXICAN ESTATE

COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 16.—The W. M. Stockwell family of Colorado Springs is about to come into its own through the settlement of a Mexican estate valued at \$1,425,000. George Shimbler of San Francisco is also one of the heirs.

The death of Fred Shimbler of Brantley, N. Y., four years ago revealed a strange story. The man was of impetuous temperament and had wandered to all parts of the world, accumulating, unknown to his brothers and sisters, large interests in Mexico.

One tract of land alone comprised 25,000 acres of fine native-grown timber, and it was the settlement of this estate that has been engaging the heirs, Shimbler's widow survived him only one year, and the remaining heirs are one brother, George Shimbler of San Francisco, and four sisters, among whom is Mrs. Minnie Stockwell, wife of W. M. Stockwell of Colorado Springs. Shimbler's mother, who is 86 years of age, lives at Ottawa, Ill., with three of the daughters.

The attorney R. L. Chambers of Colorado Springs has been handling the estate for the heirs and is organizing a company of Denver and Colorado Springs capitalists to take over the timber and coal and other timber on the market. The Mexican government, it is understood, took a hand in the settlement of the estate.

MUCH ACTIVITY AT Y. M. C. A. GYMNASIUM

New Members Are Received—Benefit Basket Ball Game for To-Night.

The Y. M. C. A. gymnasium class is prospering these days and Instructor John H. Fox is greatly pleased with the showing made at the evening sessions. Four new members, George Cogswell, H. F. Briggs, L. F. Edwards and W. F. Toomey, well known young business men of Fresno, were received into the class last evening. The class now numbers 65 persons and all the members are taking an active interest in the work of the organization.

The tars, a basket ball team of the Y. M. C. A., will play a picked basket ball team of five persons, composed of Y. M. C. A. and high school players, this evening at the gymnasium. The proceeds of the game will go to the high school team for the purchasing of ten sweaters for the team. A close and interesting game is expected between the two teams.

The Y. M. C. A. Mandolin club of twelve pieces, will furnish music for the evening, and the Y. M. C. A. tumbling team will give some unique numbers along their line between the halves of the game. The high school track team expects to hold meets with several other high school teams in the near future, and has some excellent material in it for making a good showing in these contests.

BANK SUSPENSION MAKES SORRY TIMES

Waynesburg People Are Made Almost Destitute and Business Is Killed.

WAYNESBURG, Pa., Dec. 17.—With the closing of the Farmers' and Drivers' National bank last Wednesday, the arrest at Pittsburg today of Cashier J. F. U. Rinehart, charged with making false reports to the comptroller of the currency and the discovery of an alleged discrepancy amounting to \$200,000, business in this city is almost at a standstill.

Many merchants sold scarcely a dollar's worth of goods today and some contemplate closing their stores until the bank difficulty has been adjusted. Hundreds of men, women and children in Waynesburg and surrounding country have their money deposited in the bank and as a result of their inability to get at their savings the holiday season promises to be a sorry one. It is feared that a shortage of cash will cause further business depression.

It was announced tonight that there was no reason for depositors to be alarmed, as Rinehart's personal assets were sufficient to cover any amount that might have to be made good. It is estimated here that he is worth considerably more than \$1,000,000.

POISON WAS FOUND IN EXHUMED BODIES

Two of the Vzal Family Had Been Given Arsenic, Say the Physicians.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Poison was responsible for the death of at least two of the Vzal family, six of whom died within a few months of each other in the last year. Herman Bilky, a fortune teller, is in jail on a charge of having administered poison to the family so that the mother of the dead children could collect the insurance money.

Positive evidence of the presence of poison in the internal organs of Ella and Mary, daughters of Mrs. Vzal, whose bodies were exhumed last week, was discovered today by Professor Walter M. Himes, of the Rush Medical college, and Dr. Lewke, of the corner's staff. Arsenic was found in the liver and stomach of both victims in quantities enough to cause death. The bodies of other members of the family will be exhumed and an examination made.

ASSOCIATED OIL CO. ISSUES MORE BONDS FROM TREASURY RESERVE

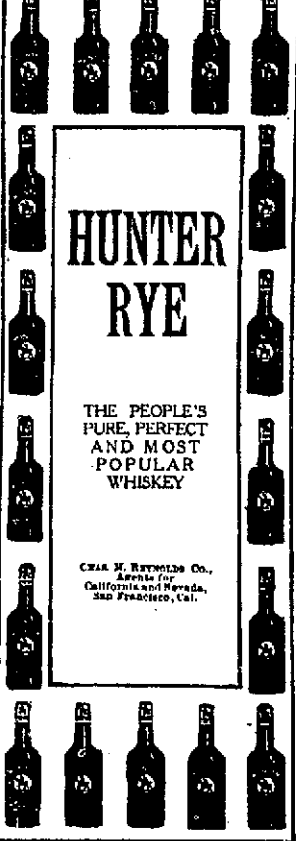
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Officials of the Associated Oil company have decided upon another bond issue from the treasury reserve to the par amount of \$1,500,000. The issue already has been underwritten by a syndicate of New York and San Francisco capitalists at \$900 for each \$1000 share. The company also has raised the price of its stock from a par value of \$1 a share to \$100, exchanging stock with holders at that ratio.

Shah of Persia's Illness

TEHRAN, Dec. 17.—The heir apparent, Prince Alimirza, who arrived here yesterday, today assumed the conduct of state affairs as the shah is still too ill to be able to attend to public business.

His Paper For Sale At The Following Places:

San Francisco Ferry Building.
In Pasadena Cal. A. F. Hornung.
In Oakland, Cal. Noah Wheatley News Wagon.
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PANAMA CANAL

President Roosevelt communicates a detailed account of his visit to the Isthmus, tells what he saw there and dwells with enthusiasm upon the work accomplished, the spirit displayed by the workers and the prospects of success.

"Libellous and slanderous" critics are referred to and their criticisms dismissed with contemptuous mention. Complaints made by employees and the manner in which they were dealt with are detailed and the improved conditions on the Isthmus as a result of the work of the commission are flatteringly set out.

The message was transmitted to the congress in book form, beautifully illustrated, this being an innovation in presidential messages.

The President recommends that officers of the line in the navy should be allowed to reach the grade of captain and rear admiral at a less advanced age than at present, to increase the efficiency of the service;

Estimates that the adoption of these recommendations, already embodied in a bill by the secretary of the navy, will result in a saving of \$5,000,000 in the next seven years.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Three messages from the president were received by congress today and their reading took practically all the time of the senate. The reading was delayed in the house by the fact that it was suspension of business, which was also a governing function. It also drove through the streets of Panama for the purpose of observing what had been done. It slept at the Hotel Trofi, at A. which is on a hill directly outside the city of Panama, but in the zone.

The messages were in relation to the public land laws and the navy personnel bill and a recounting of the president's trip to Panama. The last attracted great interest. It was an elaborate illustration showing the work on the great water way in its various stages. It was in the form of a very entertaining story of the president's visit. As it was read the senators followed it closely from hand-made bound copies which had been laid upon their desks.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In the month of November I visited the isthmus of Panama, going over the Canal Zone with considerable care; and also visited the cities of Panama and Colon, which are not in the Canal Zone. I saw the United States flag, but as I was not in the United States government, through its agents, exercises control for certain sanitary purposes.

The U. S. S. Louisiana, on which I was, anchored off Colon about half past 2 on Wednesday afternoon. I went ashore at 4:30 p. m. and remained there until evening. I received the president of Panama and his suite, and saw members of the canal commission, and various other gentlemen, perfecting the arrangements for my stay. The only one of the colored men who was either could be different men—superintendents and of departments, divisions, and bureau chiefs—stevedores, mechanics, engineers, clerks, wives of American employees, health officers, colored laborers, colored attendants, managers of the commissary where food is sold to the colored employees, and the colored employees who are married.

employed to advantage. I was three days ashore—not a sufficient length of time to allow of an exhaustive investigation of the minutiae of the work of any single department, still less to pass judgment on the engineering problems, but enough to enable me to get a clear idea of the salient features of the great work and of the progress that has been made as regards the sanitation of the Zone, Colon and Panama, the caring for and housing of the employees, and the actual digging of the canal. The Zone is a narrow strip of land, and it covers a distance of such an unimportant fifty or sixty miles of a great railroad, at the point where it runs through mountains or overcomes other natural obstacles.

I chose the month of November for my visit partly because it is the rainiest month of the year, the month in which the work goes forward at the greatest disadvantage, and one of the two months which the medical department of the French canal company found most unhealthy.

Immediately after anchoring on the afternoon of Wednesday there was a violent storm of wind and rain. From that time we did not again see the sun until Saturday morning, the rain coming in furious, steady, but varying from a fine drizzle to a torrential down-pour. During that time in fifteen minutes at Cristobal 1.05 inches of rain fell; from 1 to 3 a. m., November 16th, 3.2 inches fell; for the twenty-four hours ending noon, November 16th, 4.98 inches fell, and for the next evening, November 17th, 1.24 inches fell. The tides rose in flood to a greater height than it had attained during the last fifteen years, leaving out the track in one place. It would have been impossible to see the work going on under more unfavorable weather conditions. On Saturday, November 17th, the sun showed now and then for a few minutes, although the rain was generally steady, and there were heavy showers, but not at intervals.

Early morning we landed at past seven and went slowly up the Panama railway, an expedition in a tug at entrance of the canal out to where the dredging for the cause. We took our dinner the cutting houses furnished gratis for our party. The houses were in the shape of being given. We inspected the canal, going through various for white patients and for patients. I inspected portions of the canal, the extraordinary (Zone police), the men individually. I also certain of the schools and school children, both white and, speaking with certain of them. In the afternoon of this formally received in Panama Amador, who, together with the government and all the Panama, the United States, the United States, for which I made my most earnest thanks, then through Panama and in a name was formally received by the president and members of the government; and evening I attended a dinner the president, and a recep-

had practical charge of collecting and handling the laboring force; by Mr. Bierd, general manager of the railway, and by Mr. Rogers, the general counsel of the commission; and many other officials joined us from time to time.

At the outset I wish to pay a tribute to the amount of work done by the French Canal company under very difficult circumstances. Many of the buildings they put up were excellent and are still in use, though, unfortunately, the houses are in a great state of repair and are being used as dwellings, only until other houses can be built, and much of the work they did in the Culebra cut, and some of the work they did in digging has been of direct and real benefit. This country has never made a better investment than the \$30,000,000 which it paid to the French company for work and material, including especially the Panama railroad, the operation on the ground at the height of the rainy season served to convince me of the wisdom of Congress in refusing to adopt either a high-level or a sea-level canal. There seems to be a universal agreement among all people competent to judge that the Panama route, the one actually chosen, is much superior to both the Nicaragua

The wisdom of the canal management has been shown in nothing more clearly than in the way in which the foundations of the work have been laid. To have yielded to the natural impatience of ill-informed outsiders and begun at

kinds of experiments in work prior to thorough sanitation of the isthmus, and to a fairly satisfactory working out of the problem of getting and keeping sufficient labor supply.

At the same time, various preliminary measures had to be taken first, and these could not be taken so as to allow us to begin the real work of construction prior to January 1st of the present year. It then became necessary to have the type of the canal decided, and the only delay has been the necessary delay until the 28th day of June. Heeding the advice of the engineers, we wisely settled that we should have a eighty-five-foot level canal. Timmed lately after that the work began in earnest and has been continued with increasing vigor ever since; and will continue so to progress in the future. When the contracts are let the conditions will be such as to insure constantly increasing amount of pe-

The first great problem to be solved upon the solution of which the success of the rest of the work depended, was the problem of sanitation. This was from the outset under the direction of Dr. W. C. Gorgas, who is to be regarded a full member of the commission. It must be remembered that his work was not mere sanitation as the term is understood in our ordinary municipal work. Throughout the Zone and in the two cities of Panama and Colon, in addition to the sanitation work proper, he had to do all the work that the marine hospital service does as regards the question, that the health department of the United States in the various states and cities, and that Colonel Waring did in New York when he cleaned his streets. The results have been astounding. The thousands who have been spared from death and maiming have been a byword for dead and maimed folk.

Now, after two years of our occupation, the conditions as regards sickness and the death rate compare favorably with reasonably healthy localities in the United States. Special care has been devoted to minimizing the risk due to the presence of the mosquitoes, the principal cause of the epidemic of tropical jungle malarial and yellow fevers. In all the settlements, the little temporary towns or cities composed of white and black employees, which grew up here and there in the tropic jungle, the needs of the work dictate the utmost care is exercised to keep the air free from breeding places of the mosquitoes. The buildings are raised on stilts, the drainage ditches which in moving the water have removed the breeding places of the mosquitoes, while the whole jungle is cut away for a considerable space around the habitations thus destroying the places in which the

are in evidence in every settlement, and together with the invariable presence of mosquito screens around the piazza and of mosquito doors to the houses that to speak of the careful fumigation has gone on in all infected houses doubtless explain the extraordinary absence of mosquitoes. As a matter of fact, but a single mosquito, and this of the dangerous species, was taken by one member of the party during our stay on the island. Equal credit is taken by the inspectors of the health department to secure cleanliness in the houses and proper hygienic conditions in every kind. I inspected between two and thirty water-closets, both those used by the white employees and those used by the colored laborers. In almost every case I found the conditions perfect. In but one case did I find the toilet bad. In this case, affecting the chamber of a married couple, I found the toilet of a very bad type. The floors were all inherited from the French company and were being renovated temporarily while other buildings were in the course of construction; and under the defective water-closet a bad and excellent closet with a good sewer pipe was in process of construction nearly finished. Nevertheless, this did not excuse the fact that the bad condition had been allowed to prevail. Temporary accommodations were made, such as soldiers have when camped in field, should have been provided. The bad effect was lessened. I read the report of Doctor Gorgas on infection. I was struck, however, by the fact that in this instance, as in almost every other where a complaint was made which proved to have any importance whatever, it appeared that bad already been taken to remove the evil complained of, and that the trouble was mainly due to that, to the difficulty, and to the impossibility, pending the lack of space, for the removal and increase in the number of persons. Generally the provision made in advance, but it is not possible that this should always be the case when it is not there ensues a period of time during which the conditions are unsatisfactory, until a remedy can

provided; but I never found a case where the remedy was not being provided as speedily as possible.

inspected the large hospitals at Atlanta and Colon, which are excellent examples of what tropical hospitals should be.

I also inspected the following hospitals in various sections of the country through a number of the wards in which colored men are treated, a number of which the white men mentioned. Americans and Spaniards, white men and black men are treated exactly alike, and their treatment is as good as that which could be obtained in our first-class hospitals at home. All the patients that I saw, with one or two exceptions, were laborers or other employees, and not sailors and railway men, and of them but a few were of the ordinary laboring class. The only one I met carefully examined was a young man, who was sent to the hospital, whether they meant to go or not. From no responsible source did any complaint come as to the management of the hospitals, although occasionally a very ignorant West Indian negro when he is first brought into the hospital becomes frightened by the ordinary hos-

Health Showing Remarkably Good. The health of the Indians is remarkably good—much better than in most sections of the United States that I do not believe it can possibly compare with the present average. They rarely have the usual Spanish diseases, and additions to their number have been made from time to time; yet since their arrival in February of a year ago but one of these Spaniards brought over to work on the cutaneous disease, and he of typical form. Two others were killed, one by dynamite explosion, the other by a fall from a railroad trestle, and the third died of disease. The Indians have been very healthy, and the death rate for the population of the Zone, this being largely due to the decrease in deaths from pneumonia.

...disease on the Islands. The
...were merely animals, of every kind
...the various employers of the Lithuanian
...there were then on the rolls 3,550
...thirteen, seven-eighths of them being
...Amsterdam. Of these as little as two
...of disease, and while it happened
...another man was arrested for
...the various Lithuanians, including
...300 women and children, not
...single death occurred in the average
...three months, whereas in the past
...city in the United States the number
...of deaths for a similar number of
...in that time would have been about
...from thirty to thirty-five.
...showing control of disease permits
...mainly obtain, but it certainly goes
...prove that if good care is taken the
...disease is not a particularly unhealthy
...place. In October, of the 19,000 people
...the roll 50 died from
...month, and the most destructive
...but only a few cases of second

The difficulty of exercising a thorough supervision over the colored laborers is of course greater than is the case among the whites, and they are also less competent to take care of themselves, which accounts for the fact that the death rate is so much higher than that of the whites, in spite of the fact that they have been used to similar climatic conditions. Even among the colored employees it will be seen that the death rate is not high.

In Panama and Colon the general opinion has also been greatly changed. This is due to the fact that the vigorous work of the special brigade of employees who have been inspecting houses where the *steomyia* mosquito is to be found is destroying its larvae and breeding places, and doing similar work in exterminating the malarial parasites. In short, in performing all kinds of work, a little over a year ago, all kinds of mosquitoes, including the two fatal species, were numerous about the Colonians. In this cut during the October every room of every house was carefully examined, and only two mosquitoes were found of them. Unfaltering in spirit and undaunted, the employees, in inspection and in disinfecting and in the work of draining and cleaning brush are responsible for the change. The surgeon general reports to me that the hygienic conditions of the isthmus were about as good as, for instance, those in the New York na-

Crozael, some four miles from Boca, was formerly one of the most unsanitary places on the Isthmus, probably the most unsanitary. There is a marsh with a pond in the middle. Doctor Gorgas had both the marsh and pond drained, and the brush cleared so that now, when I went over the ground, it appeared like a smooth meadow intersected by drainage ditches. The breeding places and sheltering spots of the dangerous mosquitoes had been completely destroyed. The result was that Crozael for the last six years has been free of malaria. Also like La Boca, with a few exceptions, a very interesting record, shows one of the lowest rates in the Zone, having less than 1 per cent a week added to the hospital. At Crozael there is

Lehigh canal commission, some of them with their wives and families, this healthy and attractive spot stigmatized as a "hog wallow" by a few of the least scrupulous and most foolish of the professional scandal-mongers who from time to time have written about the commission's work.

Improvements in Panama and Colon
The sanitation work in the cities of Panama and Colon has been just as important as in the Zone itself, and in many respects much more difficult, because it was necessary to deal with the already existing population, which naturally had not sympathized with the sanitary changes, the value of which they were for a long time not able to perceive. The large population of the recently arrived colored laborers, having come over from the West Indies to work on the canal, abandoned the work and either take to the bush or die in Colon itself; thus precluding with the least desirable among the imported laborers, for the good and steady men of course continue to work. Yet a astonishing progress has been made in both cities. In Pan-

per cent of the streets that are to be paved at all are already paved with excellent brick pavement laid in dry concrete, a few of the streets are still in process of paving. The sewer and water services in the city are of the most modern hygienic type, some of the service having just been completed.

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work was begun to formulate a general plan for the proper sanitation of the city; in February last temporary relief measures were taken, when in July the reconstruction of the work was begun. The drainage of the city is now being made feasible in the sewer, draining, gutter and paving of the streets. Some of our mouths will be required before the work of sewerage and street improvement will be completed, but the progress already made is very marked. Ditches have been dug through the town, connecting the salt water on both sides and into these the ponds, which have served as breeding places for the mosquitoes. The work of the city officers has answered their purpose, for there is probably the chief cause of the annoying diminution in the number of mosquitoes. More ditches of the kind now being constructed.

Coloan Water Supply.
It was not practicable, with the force of the commission's disposal, and the view of the need that the forces should be used in the case of Panama, to have this work before early last winter. Water mains were their laid in the town and water was furnished to the people early in March from a temporary reservoir. This reservoir proved to be of insufficient capacity before the end of the dry season and the shortage was made up by filling tanks and by the use of the railroad. There was at all times an ample supply of the very best water. Since the time the new reservoir lack of Mountain has been practically completed, it existed this reservoir. It is a lake over a mile long and half a mile broad. It carries some 500,000,000 gallons of water. It is the largest body of water in the colony will hereafter render it necessary in the dry season to haul water for the use of Colón and Cristobal.

dishonest) attacks made upon the editor. The editor was in connection with the reservoir. The writer in question usually confined himself to vague generalities; but in this case he specifically stated that there was no water in the vicinity of a reservoir if drawn off, and it was excellent, and that the particular reservoir would never flow over a waterway. With typical American humor, the engineering corps still at work at the reservoir have christened a large boat which is now used on the reservoir by the name of the individual who thus denied the possibility of the reservoir's existence.

Colon Pavements.
I rule through the streets of Colonia seeing them at the height of the rainy season. After two days of almost unexampled downpour, when they are still carrying their burden of water, a whole band of men undoubtedly very bad, as bad as Pennsylvania avenue in Washington before Grant's administration, Front street is already in thorough satisfactory shape, however. Some of the side streets are also in good condition. In others the change has been so rapidly going on that it is now possible to walk, even during the period of tremendous rain, in low shoes without wetting one's feet, owing to the rapidity with which the surface water is carried away in the ditches. In the remaining one-fourth of the streets the mud is very deep—about as deep as the ordinary street in a low-lying part of the town of the same size in the United States during early spring.

saying that the conditions of the Colorado streets were 100 per cent better than 20 years ago. The most superficial examination of the town shows the progress that has been made and is being made in cleaning the streets. Compliments were made to me by an entirely respectable man as to the character of some of the material used for repaving certain streets. On investigation the complaint proved well founded, but if a question that the use of the material appeared that had been abandoned, the commission after having tried it on one or two streets finding it not applicable.

Complaints Not Well Founded.
The result of the investigation of a
honest complaint was typical of what
occurred when I investigated the others.
The other honest complaints made
me realize that where the complaint
was not made wantonly or maliciously,
they almost always proved due to
failure to appreciate the fact that it
was necessary in the creation and com-
pletion of this Titianic work in a tropi-
cal wilderness. It is impossible to avoid
some mistakes in building a giant city
through, jungle-covered mountains and
swamps, while at the same time ex-
tending freight lines and providing
the food, clothes and general care of
from 10,000 to 30,000 workers. The com-
plaints brought to me, either of insuf-
ficient provision in caring for some of
the laborers, or of failure to finish
payments of Colon, or of failure to
supply water, or of failure to build
wooden sidewalks for the use of the
laborers in the rainy season, or inven-
tion proved, almost without exception,
to be due mostly to the utter inability
of the commission to do everything
at once.

The President recommends:

- The repeal of the Timber and Stone act;
- Amendments of the Desert land law, especially to make it necessary for the entryman to live two years on the land;
- Amendment of the commutation clause of the Homestead act, requiring actual residence on the land for three years, unless it should appear wiser to repeal the commutation clause altogether;
- Inspection of patent lands to see that actual compliance with the law exists;
- Examination by mining experts of all mineral claims;
- Supervision of all coal lands and a system of leasing recommended;
- Regulation of privileges to monopolies, to avoid the misuse of natural resources for private ends;
- An advance of \$5,000,000 for working capital of national reserves;
- The transfer of the national parks to the department of agriculture;
- Government control of the public range is advocated;
- Illegal fencing of the public domain will be prohibited by all the power of the law.

For instance, it was imperative that I should go over the difficulties

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care and forethought have been exercised by the commission, and nothing as reflected more credit upon them than their refusal either to go ahead too fast or to be deterred by the first criticism from not going ahead fast enough. It is curious to note the fact that many of the most severe critics of the commission criticize them for proceeding too fast. The reasons, some complainants give, is that the work is not in an advanced condition, while the others complain that it has been rushed with such haste that there has been insufficient preparation for the hygiene

Quarters Good and Satisfactory
The white Americans are employed some of them in office work, but the majority in handling the great shovels, as engineers and conductors of the dirt trains, as machinists in great repair shops, as carpenters, time-keepers, superintendents, and men of divisions and of gangs, and on and so on. Many of them brought down their wives and families and the children when not schooling about and behaving as the American small boy and behave at home. The employers and the employees live, sometimes in separate houses, sometimes in houses; quarters being furnished to all the men married and unmarried. Usually the men sleep two or three to the mattress, and this is

the employees, it is of course necessary to provide for policing the Zone. This is done by a police force which at present numbers over 200 men, under Captain Shannon. About one-fifth of the men are white and the remainder are black. When I questioned some twenty or thirty of these men, taking them at random, they were a fine set, physically and in discipline. With one exception all the white men I questioned had served in the American army, usually in the first World War, and were to the best type of American soldier. Without exception the black policemen whom I questioned had served either in the British army or in the Jamaica or Barbados police. They were evidently contented, and their discipline is used to control people of their own color, but in any emergency no hesitation is felt in using them in a room; and I was told of, although I did not see, large rooms in which four were sleeping; for it is not possible in what is really a small room to sleep six or seven. It is always to provide advance as ample notice for a commission's intent later to give.

In one case, where the house was old French house, with a leaky roof, I did not think the accommodations were very good. In every room among the scores of houses, entered at random, the accommodations were good: every room was neat, clean, usually having books, music, small ornaments, and in short such a room as a self-respecting colored man would be proud to have. The quarters for the married men were even better. Doubtless there be here and there a murmur connected with or without reason, are not content with their home on the lot.

discriminately. Inasmuch as so many both of the white and colored employees have brought their families with them, schools have been established. (In school service being under Mr. O'Connor. For the white pupils white American teachers are employed; for the colored pupils there are also some white American teachers, one Spanish teacher, and one colored American teacher, most of them being colored teachers from Jamaica, Barbados and St. Lucia. The schoolrooms were good, and it was a pleasant thing to see the pride that the teachers were taking in

The houses were purchased directly, or through their hands, from the commissary to the commission. All to whom I agreed that the supplies were lent, and all but two stated that it was no complaint to be made; two complained that the prices were excessive as compared to the prices in the States. On investigation I found that this complaint was well founded. The married men ate well, unmarried men sometimes ate very badly, but houses or private messes, but more often, judging by the words of those whom I questioned, government rations or hotels. The meals cost 30 cents to employ. This 30-cent meal struck me as good a meal as we get in the United States at the military hospital, which a 50-cent meal is provided. Fourths of the men whom I questioned stated that the meals furnished by these government hotels were good, remaining one-fourth that they were not good. I myself took dinner at the La Brea government hotel, no

whatever having been given of my clothing. There were two rooms, at General's in the front, and the other employees were allowed to situate without their coats, while in the other they had to put them on. The 20-cent meal included soup, potatoes, meat, bread, coffee, milk, butter, and tea, and a child, one year, milk pudding, tea, coffee.

own interest is that there should be no restriction on the disposition of oil and gas rights under proper restrictions. If the additional basis of special agents and mining experts is recommended and well used, the result will be to not only stop land frauds, but to prevent delay in patenting claims and conserve the indispensable fuel resources of the nation.

Rights of Way and Privileges.

Many of the existing laws affecting rights of way and privileges on public lands and reservations are illogical and unfair. Some work injustice by granting valuable rights in perpetuity without return. Others tend to protect the grantee in his possession of permanent improvement made at large expense. In fairness to the government, to the holders of rights and privileges on the public lands, and to the people whom the latter serve, I urge the revision and amendment of these laws in our comprehensive act, providing that the regulations and the chapter now in force in the act that unregulated or unappropriated land of great natural resources may not be acquired or misused for private ends.

Private Holdings National Forests.

The boundaries of the national forest reserves unconditionally include certain

valuable timber lands not owned by the government, important among them are the land grants of various railroads. For more than two years, negotiations with the land granters have been in progress looking toward an arrangement by which the forest on railroad lands within national forest reserves may be preserved by the removal of the present strip-mining and other rules prescribed by the forest service and its perpetuation may be assured by the transfer of the land to the government without cost.

The advantage of such an arrangement in the government lies in the acquisition of lands whose protection is necessary to the general welfare. The advantage to the railroads is found in the proposal to allow them to consolidate their holdings of timber within forest reserves by exchange, after deducing their lands to the government, and thus to retain within a limited time, solid bodies of timber, instead of alternate sections, although the total amount of timber in each case could be the same.

It is possible that legislation would be required to authorize this or a similar arrangement with the railroads and other owners. It so I recommend that it be enacted.

Capital for National Forests.

The money value of the national forests now reserved for the use and benefit of the people, exceeds considerably the sum of \$1,000,000. The stumpage value of the standing timber approximates \$700,000,000 and together with the timber and land, the timber, the irrigation and power and the subsidiary values, represent an amount equal to that of the national property now under the immediate control of the army and navy together. Under the care of the forest service the values are increasing about \$300,000 a year, the estimate of an appropriation for the present year is less than for last year, and it is confidently expected that by 1910, the forest service will be entirely self supporting.

In the meantime, there is the most urgent need for trails, fences, cabins, rangers, bridges, telephone lines and other items of equipment which the reserves cannot be handled to advantage, cannot contribute, as they should to the general welfare. Expenditure for such permanent improvements are properly chargeable to capital account.

The lack of reasonable working equipment weakens the protection of the national forests and greatly limits their production. This want cannot be

supplied from the appropriation from running expenses. The need is urgent.

Accordingly, I recommend that the secretary of the treasury be authorized to advance to the forest service, upon the security of the standing timber, a sum of \$5,000,000, to be used to provide a reasonable working capital for the national forests, to be paid in interest and to be repaid in annual installments in the following years:

Transfers of National Parks.

The national parks of the west are forested and they lie, without exception, within or adjacent to national forest reserves. Two years ago the latter were transferred to the care of the secretary of agriculture, with the most satisfactory results. The same reasons that led to this transfer make advisable a similar transfer of the national parks now in charge of the secretary of the interior, and I recommend legislation to that end.

Indian Lands.

The control of grazing in the national forests is a sure success. The reduction in the range is improving rapidly. The water is being developed, much fuel formerly wasted, is now saved and use range controversies are settled, opposi-

an end, and the stockmen are earnestly supporting the forest service and in co-operating with it effectually for the improvement of the range.

The situation on the open government range is strikingly different. The carrying capacity has probably been reduced one-half by overgrazing and still falling. Range controversies, mainly phages, are often in danger to life and property. The live stock industry and of the government are needlessly impaired. The present situation is indefensible from any point of view and it should be ended.

I recommend that a bill be enacted which will provide for government control of the public range through the department of agriculture, which alone is equipped for that work.

Such a bill should insure to each locality rules for grazing specially adapted to its needs, and should authorize the collection of a reasonable grazing fee. Above all, the right of the settler and home maker should be absolutely guaranteed.

Illegal Fencing.

Much of the public land can only be used to advantage for grazing when fenced. Much of the fencing has been

done for that reason and also to protect the other stock owners from using the land to which they have an equal right under the law. Reasonable fencing which promotes the use of the range and yet interferes with neither settlement nor with other range rights, would thoroughly desirable if it were legal.

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house, 1 a. grain hay, 100 pickles 1
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R will buy a good 5-room ho
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\$10.—Four-room cottage, mod
furnishing; north part of town.
Cash, balance \$15 per month.
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city locality. Terms, \$250 cash
balance \$20 per month.

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 Next to P. O.
 SALE—40 acres in Phone
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1 months old. Z. Burns, near
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SALE One Great-old colt,
dress and fender tired buggy, colt
for lady to drive; price \$130.
Valley Livery Stable, corner E
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SALE Span of work horses, 1
yearling, 2223.

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horse, 2 mules, 1 mountain
and portable engine, at Engle
es, D. J. Canty.

PASTURAGE.

NO. 1 ALFALFA PASTURE
near 1 mile north city limits,
road 785. Address Box 781.

NO. 2 ALFALFA Pasture for
cattle. Apply Peter Ave
or mile west of Kearney on Ave
between California and Kra
venues.

PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGES

(Continued from Page 11.)

yet the law forbids, and the law must and will be enforced. I will see to it that the illegal forces are removed from the Congress at the proper season, and take steps to legislate proper session by government control of the range.

(Signed) THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
The White House, December 17, 1906.

At the request of Senator Hepburn, the message on public land laws was ordered to be printed and to be on the table of the senate for the present. The senate has conferred with the president on the subject of the recommendations contained therein and intends to address the senate concerning them.

NAVY PERSONNEL

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In my last three annual messages I have invited the attention of the Congress to the urgent necessity of such legislation as will cause officers of the navy to reach the grades of captain and rear admiral at less advanced ages and will give them more experience and training in the important duties of these grades. Under the present archaic system of promotion, officers of the navy, at the average age of 55 and rear admirals at the average age of 60, this system is the result of a long continued prejudice in favor of a method of promotion by which all lieutenants in order to seniority pass through the several grades until they eventually become rear admirals, a method which sacrifices the good of the service to the interest of individual mediocrity.

As a direct consequence of the existing method, naval officers obtain more than ample service subordinate positions, but have a limited and inadequate experience as captains in command of battleships and as flag officers in charge of fleets and squadrons; that is, in the very positions of greatest responsibility, where experience, skill and initiative are essential to efficiency. Moreover, they attain the position of a flag officer but a few months before they reach the retiring age and have no opportunity to perfect themselves in the important duties of the high commands pertaining to such rank.

History, modern and ancient, has invariably shown that an efficient personnel is the greatest factor toward an effective navy. No matter how well equipped in other respects a navy may be, though its fleet may be composed of powerful high-speed battleships, maneuvered by complicated tactics, based on the latest developments of naval science, yet it is grievously handicapped if directed by admirals and captains who lack experience in their duties and who are hampered by long deprivation of independent action and responsibility.

To oppose such a fleet to one equally good, led by officers more active and more experienced in their duties, is to invite disaster.

Comparisons of Fleets.

The following table gives the ages of the youngest captains and flag officers, with the average years in grade, in the navies of Great Britain, France, Germany, Japan and the United States:

Captains.	Ages.
Great Britain	35
France	37
Germany	42
Japan	38
United States	55

Seagoing Flag Officers.

Captains.	Ages.
Great Britain	45
France	53
Germany	51
Japan	44
United States	59

The facts shown in this table are striking and earnest attention is invited to them.

A Bill Recommended.

The secretary of the navy submitted the following bill:

FEED YARD.

J. KLEMM, F and Javo. Phone Main 1714. Single rigs \$1.50 day.

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TAKEN UP—Horse, with saddle and bridle. R. R. No. 1, Box 85.

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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA LODGE, NO. 143—Meets Thursday, 7:30 p. m., I. O. O. F. hall.

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MARY SWERT, Pres.

ALZOA BOMGARDNER, Sec'y.

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H. M. DENNISON, Secretary.

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What the Splinters Signify.

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PRICES CURRENT

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The visible supply statistics showed an increase of 3,631,000 bushels, considerably more than had been expected. Free selling followed and the greater part of the advance that had followed bullish foreign advices was lost. A factor that strengthened the early market was the raising by Spain of the duty on wheat. Pit traders were the best buyers during the day.

Wheat, No. 1 hard, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c; No. 2, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 3, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 4, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 5, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 6, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 7, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 8, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 9, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 10, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 11, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 12, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 13, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 14, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 15, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 16, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 17, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 18, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 19, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 20, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 21, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 22, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 23, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 24, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 25, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 26, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 27, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 28, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 29, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 30, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 31, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 32, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 33, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 34, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 35, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 36, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 37, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 38, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 39, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; No. 40, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c; 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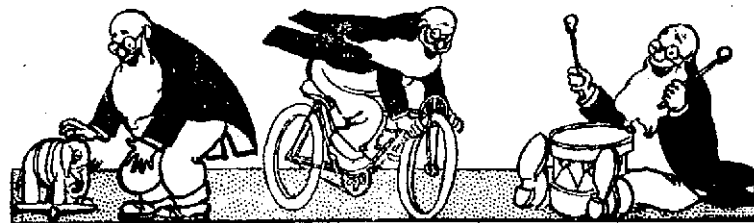
I CANNOT think of any gift
To leave this dear old boy,
Who, while his hair falls white and swift,
Is gout's ecstatic toy.
His fingers warped, he cannot send
The marble on its course,
And all his joints 'twould quickly rend
To ride a rocking horse.
His teeth are gone and he can chop
No candy with his gums,
He's deaf and cannot hear the top
That whistles while it hums.
A big tin horn would surely pump
Him out, and very soon,
And on the chairs he couldn't jump
To fly a toy balloon.

*This fact grim fate most rudely flings—
Grim fate, the cruel jade—
Alas, there are no childish things
For second childhood made.*



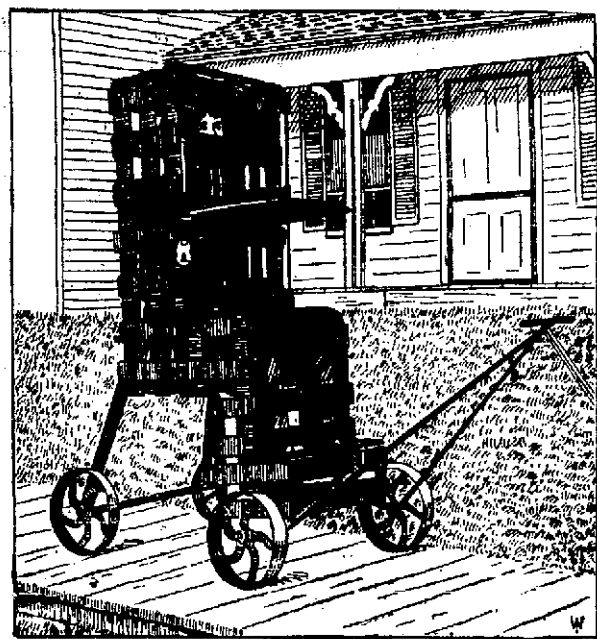
THE picture book he cannot con
Because his vision's dim,
And he's too frail and feeble on
A bicycle to skim,
And, while on skates he'd somersault
And land upon his head,
He never could the bunker vault
Upon a scarlet sled.
Lead soldiers to his whim no more
In any way appeal,
Nor trains to run around the floor,
Nor lambs that squeak and squeal.
There is no plaything I can hand
Unto this ancient boy
To make him skip a saraband
Of eighteen carat joy.

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This fact none can evade—
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BRIEF ILLUSTRATED RECORD OF CURRENT EVENTS; LIFE AND ITS MANY PHASES AT HOME AND ABROAD

A YANKEE METHOD OF DEALING WITH TRAMPS.



The curious vehicle in the picture is the invention of an inhabitant of one of the tramp infested regions of New England. It is a chair prison and has been used in Maine with good effect. As may be seen from the cut, it is not replete with "creature comforts," and those "gentlemen of the road" who have partaken of its hospitality do not speak well of it.

A FEARLESS LAWYER.

Francis J. Heney, who is one of the leading figures in the San Francisco graft investigation, is the attorney who was selected by Attorney General Moody to represent the government in the Oregon land swindle cases. His activity led to the indictment and con-



viction of the late Senator Mitchell and other influential politicians. Now he has added to his reputation by objecting to his participation in the graft investigation against the mayor of San Francisco and his legal advisers, which is only a rather good looking Tibetan has resulted in their indictment.

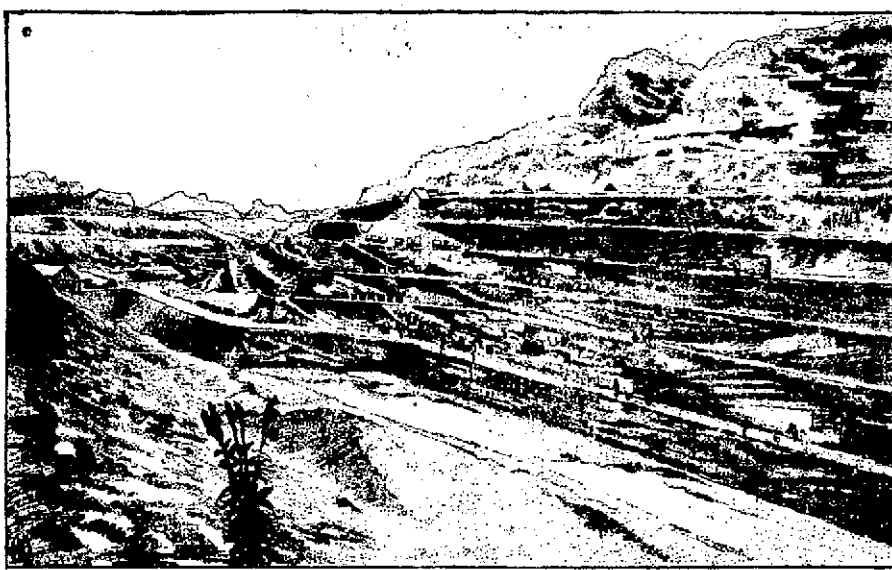
AN EXALTED PERSONAGE.

The cut is from the first photograph ever taken of the Tibetan Tashi lama. Until the recent British mission to the mysterious kingdom the person of the great lama was held to be so sacred



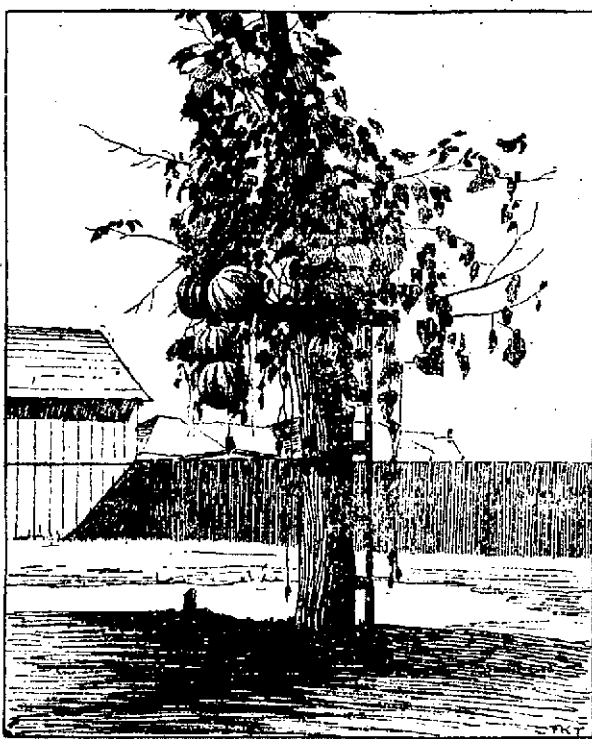
that no portrait of him might be taken under pain of death. Now, however, he has consented to sit before the camera, and the world knows that he is only a rather good looking Tibetan of the better class.

THE MOST CONVENIENT COAL MINE IN THE WORLD.



The open air coal mine shown in the picture is at Houay, in French Tonquin. The working is on the side of a hill which is a solid block of coal about 200 feet in height. To get at the coal it is only necessary to remove a thin layer of schist on the surface. The coal is of an excellent quality, and about 1,000 tons are mined per day. This mine is conducted by a company of European capitalists, who employ 2,500 natives.

HOW VINES GROW IN CALIFORNIA.



The picture illustrates a not unfamiliar sight in southern California, where vegetation of all kinds makes a wonderful growth in a single season. This particular vine grows along the foothills near Los Angeles and completely covers the trunk and remaining branches of a dead tree, extending to a height of about twenty feet. It was a pretty sight during the blossoming period, and later, when the golden fruit hung from the branches, it was even more beautiful.

THE Foe OF GRAFTERS.

William H. Langdon, district attorney at San Francisco, has recently come into prominence in connection with the mayoralty scandal in the Golden Gate City. Although he was put into office by the party in power he

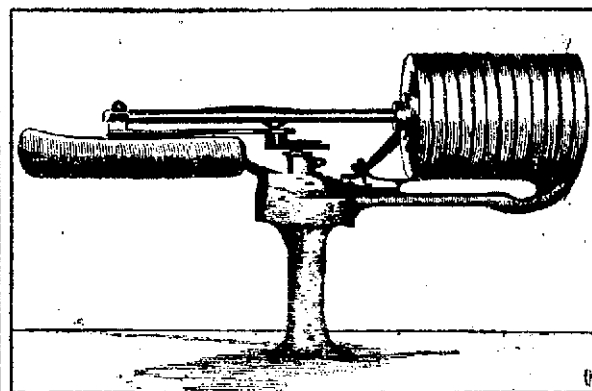


suspected that the administration was not free from official crookedness and was instrumental in having the mayor indicted for graft. Although he was removed by the administration forces, the courts decided that the action was illegal, and Langdon still holds the fort.

NEW TREATMENT.

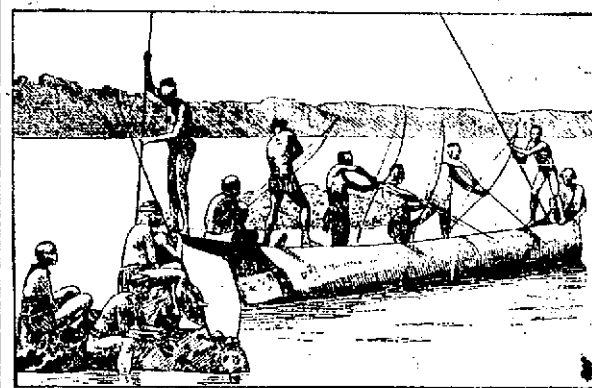
A French physician, Dr. Ferrier, treats tuberculous patients by means of "calcification"—the administering of salts of lime, combined with the use of sodium chloride to improve digestion.

AMERICA'S FIRST MARINE ENGINE.



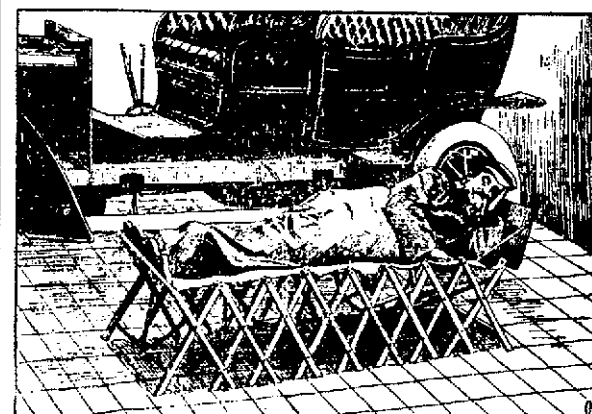
The picture shows the model of the first steam engine ever used in this country. In 1792 a small engine built from this model was used to propel a boat on the Connecticut river. That was seven years before Fulton built his steamboat. The model is less than a cubic foot in bulk.

SOUTH SEA ISLANDERS SHOOTING FISH.



In the south seas and in the various groups of islands in the Indian ocean the natives shoot fish with the bow and arrow. The art is very difficult, and it takes long practice to arrive at perfection. This is because the archer must aim at an object under water and must allow for refraction. If he were to aim at the fish as he sees it, he would miss.

THE AUTOMOBILE BEDSTEAD IN USE.



An ingenious inventor has recently patented a folding bed that may be carried on a motor car. The bed opens in the fashion, as may be seen from the cut, and when closed holds a mattress and pneumatic pillows. When open it can be used as a table, and when shut it may be made to serve as a seat.

HERE AND THERE.

Of the 1,253 bishops in the Roman, excellent language, for she speaks Catholic church 126 hold sees in the French, German and English as fluently as her native Dutch, and she England has three times as many known something besides of Italian and murder trials annually as Ireland, and Ireland about twice as many as Scotland. It is estimated that 12,000,000,000 of the world's population are of the various races of the world during the

nineteenth century. More than one-eighth of the whole amount came from British coal fields. The live stock of England is valued at \$247,000,000. It includes 5,000,000 cattle and 18,500,000 sheep. During the great plague of 1348 locusts spread the disease, and at Bagdad 500,000 persons died in ninety days. Spain receives more sunshine than

any other European country. The yearly average is 3,000 hours, while in England it is 1,400. In the reign of Charles I. the death rate in London was 70 per 1,000, or more than three times what it is now. British mills turn out daily more than 10,000 miles of cotton cloth. Only 7 per cent of the food of a French peasant consists of meat, while

an English navy's food is 23 per cent meat. The Caledonian canal has twenty-eight locks. In the matter of train speed Austria, Italy and Spain are at the bottom of the list. Four pounds of salt are used in making 250 pounds of flour into bread. In 1882 the whole of the revised ver-

sion of the New Testament was telegraphed from New York to Chicago and set up as news by the Chicago Tribune. Sweden's canals are frozen up on an average for 155 days in each year. One seventh of British food foreign commerce passes through the Suez canal. Where 100 to 150 people live to the

square mile the death rate averages 16 per 1,000. Where there are over 300 to the square mile the death rate increases to 24 per 1,000. The prison population of Italy is relatively three times as great as that of Great Britain. There are still in existence some British banknotes dated 1798 and printed on satin.

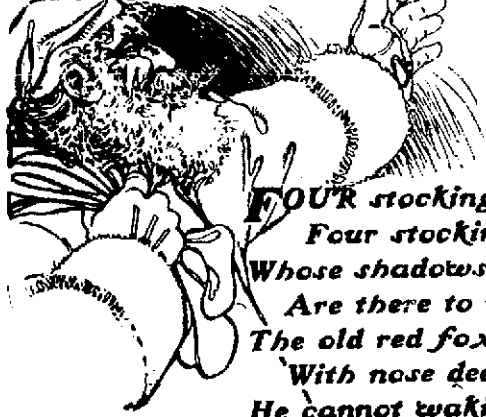
Waiting For Old

SANTA CLAUS

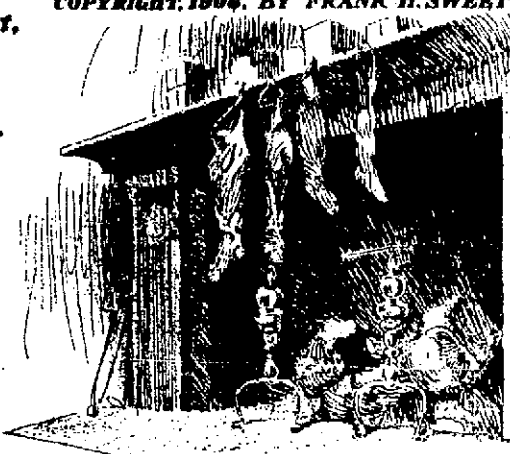
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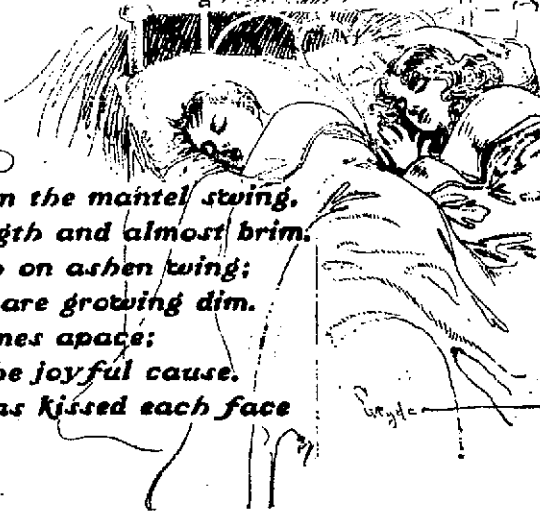
BLACK lies the hearth, the lights are out,
The brass andirons faintly shine,
And ghostly winds wail shrill without,
While stars look down in peace benign.
Slow ticks the clock, the hour is late,
And midnight near and nearer draws.
It is the time when households wait
For Santa Claus.



FOUR stockings to the mantel hung—
Four stockings of unequal size,
Whose shadows on the hearth are flung,
Are there to meet the traveler's eyes.
The old red foxhound lies asleep,
With nose deep buried 'twixt his paws;
He cannot waking vigil keep
For Santa Claus.



THE rough elm backlog's fading glow
Turns now to gray, as if with age,
And flickering shapes pass to and fro,
Gloom-sprites upon a dusky stage.
Dense stillness reigns, now broken while
A mouse within the wainscot gnaws,
And in their sleep the children smile
For Santa Claus.



FOUR stockings from the mantel swing,
Filled to their length and almost brim.
Dawn skims the earth on ashen wing;
The faithful stars are growing dim.
A childish uproar comes apace;
No need to guess the joyful cause.
For Christmas time has kissed each face
For Santa Claus.

Uncle Sam Has Free Seeds For the Million

Pity the poor old congressman!

Some work that's what he needs. Don't scold him just because you can. But write—for garden seeds.

If you need any garden seeds or care to receive any that you don't need, write a letter to your congressman. If he wants to be re-elected he will have the department of agriculture send you the package by return mail. You need not incur postage. Your congressman has a privilege called a frank which carries garden seeds and other official matter through the mail. Just intimate to the member who represents you at Washington that you would like a selection of Uncle Sam's chosen seeds, and he will do the rest. It is all very simple.

Also, say some, it is all very silly. Nevertheless the sending of seeds to constituents is one of the perquisites of members of congress. It is a perquisite so old that it almost ranks with the prerogative of the German emperor to wear his moustache at an angle of ninety degrees. The Declaration of Independence seems to have overlooked the matter of free seeds to congressional constituents, and there appears to be nothing in the constitution of the United States that requires free seed distribution, but both congressmen and constituents have held this to be one of the inalienable rights of mankind since the establishment of the nation. Any attempt to do away with the sacred privilege is considered little less than treason. The country cries for free seeds, and the congressman responds nobly to the cry. Who shall dare arise to rob us of this time honored right?

For some years there has been a feeble effort upon the part of a congressman here and there to yank his neck out from under the galling yoke of the seed sending tyranny, but to no avail. It requires a very bold and fearless congressman to stand up and defy the free seed sentiment. Few of them care thus to make martyrs of themselves, for re-election is sweet to the man at Washington, and he knows full well that the best way to build up his political fences at home and keep them properly staked and ridged so that no other candidate can hope over and possess his pasture is to send the farmers and the town gardeners all the free seeds they ask for, and then some.

"For what do we elect a congressman?" asks the householder who is going to raise turnips in his back yard. "Is it to make laws?" Nay, verily. There be too many laws already. We send a congressman to Washington that he may send us seeds from Washington. He is our seed clerk, and we pay him \$2,000 a year for his work. Of course, after hours, when he is not busy sending seeds, he may attend the sessions of congress if he likes and help make laws, but who is to blame him in the house of his going forth if he soldiereth on his job and refuses to frank a package of turnip seed to us when our soul crieth for turnip seed?

Even the congressman from the great city district is not exempt from this seed sending requirement. The man who represents a New York city district wherein there is not enough space uncultivated or uncultivated by buildings to grow a hill of beans receives frequent requests for garden and field seeds. No, the tenement dwellers do not intend to grow roof gardens, nor the denizens of

the seventh floor that a hanging garden of Babylon. These people want to send seeds to their country cousins, with whom they spend six weeks in summer on the dear old farm.

When the late Amos J. Cummings represented a New York district in congress one of his constituents, whom he knew well, astonished him by writing a supplicating request for garden seeds. Mr. Cummings knew positively that the man had no more knowledge of agriculture than a London chimney sweep. He wrote back:

"What on earth do you want with garden seeds?"

"Dear Amos," wrote the friend in reply, "I want to plant those seeds in Madison Square Garden."

Champ Clark of Pike county, Mo., who represents one of the most highly

developed farming districts in the United States, with a considerable coast line on the Mississippi river, received a letter from a constituent in one of the river towns. The man wanted some water lily seeds. Mr. Clark replied that the department of agriculture had made no provision to furnish water lily seeds.

"I am very sorry," wrote the constituent, "you know the Mississippi is a part of my front yard, and as it gets pretty muddy sometimes I wanted to plant it with water lilies to improve the appearance of the watercourse."

It is related of Congressman Victor M. Felt of Kansas that a constituent wrote him to this effect:

"Dear Victor—Please send me by return mail a bushel or two of wheat seed. My uncle has a flour mill and my wife

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attacking the elephant on which King Edward, as Prince of Wales, was taking part in a lion hunt. An artist who was accompanying the prince on the hunt was a witness of the incident and made a sketch of it on the spot.

In the Indian army all cavalry regiments are supplied with carrier pigeons, which are used for the transmission of information during all their military maneuvers in camp. Young cavalry officers go through a course of instruction in the training of pigeons

at the age of about seven. Each unit of the army has a pigeon corps, and the pigeons are often spotted by coarse fingers rounded at the tip. Russians have long, but beautifully formed hands. The hands of Englishwomen of rank are aristocratically shaped, but they are long and sometimes too long. The French grande dame takes the best care of her hands all the world over. Her fingers are generally adorned with large and flat ones, with enormous fingers.

Most Frenchmen wear six and a half or six and three-quarters gloves. These are not the smallest sizes for a pretty hand, but are those worn by many of the fairest of the sex nevertheless, too big for them. It is a perfect abomination, but you can get your share of garden gloves, seeds. Don't be against the government. Share in its bounties.

is conceded that the results are worth the expenditure. For 1904 the appropriation for sending and distributing seeds and plants amounted to \$242,928. Postmaster General Cortelyou estimated that about 7,300,000 packages of seeds are distributed annually under congressional frank. This is about \$100,000 worth. The packages aggregate from thirty to thirty-five car loads a year. That would make up a pretty long freight train if shipped by freight. Uncle Sam cheerfully carries it by mail, however, at a cost of about 5 cents a pound, or \$34,990 a year altogether.

Most of the congressmen have built up machines at home to insure their reelection. The department of agriculture is also in the machine business. It has seventeen machines for making

Write to your congressman. A postal card will do. He may not be overjoyed to hear from you, but he will work manfully to hide his annoyance, and he may send the seeds.

ROBERTS' LOVE.

HANDS AND GLOVES.

One of woman's greatest charms is in the beauty of her hands, members which are truly adorable when their smallness is combined with other indications of fine breeding, but even if they are large they may still be beautiful if they are shapely, finely made and white, with blue veins, taper fingers and rosy nails, slightly arched. The women of North America are claimed to have the smallest hands in the world, and next to them come the Austrians, Spanish, Italian and English

gin by buttoning the second button; then, when buttoned to the top, you can easily fasten the first button without tearing the kid. Never remove the gloves by pulling the fingers, but by drawing the part covering the wrist over the hand, and leave them thus wrong side out for some time before turning them to their proper shape. Always lay gloves lengthwise; never roll them. Light colored gloves should be placed between two pieces of white flannel. There is nothing better to perfume gloves than a tiny tablet of concentrated scent or a small sachet within the hand. A glove thus scented never loses its perfume.

And, by the way, while on the subject of gloves, it may not come amiss to know that if you want to make a neat job of mending your glove fingers turn them inside out and, putting the edges carefully together, overcast them with cotton thread, fine, but firm. Silk thread cuts the kid. If the glove shows an inclination to break in the palm or about the fingers and you have no old gloves to mend them with take a bit of ribbon the color of the glove and put it over the break on the underside and darn the glove down on it.

SHAVING BABY'S HEAD.

Life is full of exceptional difficulties for the babies of Arabia, especially for those who are of sufficiently high rank to be brought up according to all the ancient customs of their race. A royal baby's first toilet there consists in winding a bandage about its body, after it has been carefully bathed and perfumed.

If the child be a girl, on the seventh day after her birth, her usually six in number, are pricked in her ears, and when she is two months old heavy gold rings are attached to them, to be worn throughout her lifetime, except during periods of mourning for relatives. (On the fortieth day the baby's head is shaved, and the disposal of the hair is regarded as a very weighty matter. It must not be burned or carelessly thrown away, but buried, thrown into the sea or hidden away.

The fortieth day marks a turning point in the child's life. Heretofore it has only been seen by few, but now it may be seen by anybody and is regarded as fairly launched on the tide of existence. Several charms are attached to its body for protection against the "evil eye." Everything the child uses is perfumed and covered at night with incense, and before it is laid to bed it is sprinkled with musk and sprinkled with attar of roses.

RECOVERED FROM THE SEA.

At Nishino, in Japan, there is a wonderful castle possessing a gold lined well, which affords the garrison an abundant water supply. Not only does gold line the well, but it is also fastened into two great golden dolphins which glitter on the castle roof. These dolphins are centuries old, and one of them was once taken down and sent for exhibition to Vienna as a rare example of antique Japanese craftsmanship.

The fate of Cleopatra's needle befell the dolphins as the ship on which it was sunk, and the ornament remained for many years at the bottom of the sea. Numerous attempts were made to raise it, and at last one was successful, and the golden dolphin was reinstated in its original place, never to be removed again.

When putting gloves on always be-

for military purposes at the Imperial college. In each squadron of cavalry there must be one graduate who has studied for a fortnight in a military pigeon establishment, and each corps must see that six men graduate yearly. Theoretical instruction on the care of pigeons, on the method of preparing and fastening despatches, and language birds is given to the cavalrymen.

Land contains 20 per cent of water; olive oil only 2 per cent. Convulsions prove fatal to 44 out of every 100 infants who die before they are twelve months old. "Abstentions" and "teetotaling" are the only weeds in English having the seeds in their order. Cleopatra is as large as thirty United Kingdoms. She has received over half a million immigrants in ten years. In England more than double as many deaths per million of population occur from accident as in France. The sweet potato will give a crop of five tons to the acre.

BITS OF NEWS.

Of 100 violent deaths, 55 are caused by accident, 2 by murder and 10 by suicide. The richest zinc mines are in Prussia. They contain 21 per cent of metal. Queen Elizabeth is said to have possessed no fewer than eighty million of rubles. A million acres of forest are cut down every year to supply European railways

companies with the sleepers on which the tracks are laid. The span of life in France is now seven years longer than it used to be sixty years ago. Prince Edward of Wales, like most boys, is fond of collecting, and his particular hobby just now is the collecting of birds' eggs. He has a fine set from St. Kilda. Very few authors have adopted the

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when others are fast asleep. It is Mr. Edison, who, after a long period of work in the laboratory, will refresh himself actually by a couple of tunes on his favorite instrument, thus preparing for re-operative slumber.

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attacking the elephant on which King Edward, as Prince of Wales, was taking part in a lion hunt. An artist who was accompanying the prince on the hunt was a witness of the incident and made a sketch of it on the spot.

BURNES' AUTO UP IN SMOKE

Valuable Machine Is Quickly Destroyed.

White Steamer Took Fire Under Unusual Circumstances Last Night.

A serious fire was caused last night at 9 o'clock at the Anna vineyard, owned by Hector Burnes, and situated six miles from Fresno, by the explosion of a valuable automobile belonging to Mr. Burnes. The machine was destroyed by the fire, with the shed in which it was contained, and the dwelling of Mr. Burnes, situated nearby, had a narrow escape from destruction.

Mr. Burnes was away from the house at the time of the fire, being absent from Fresno, and the automobile, a \$3000 White steamer, had not been used for three or four days. The chauffeur, H. Pierce, had been employed by Mr. Burnes for a few weeks, and left the shed in which the machine was contained, locked up, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. At 9 o'clock, while the door of the shed was still locked and no one was supposed to be in the building, there was a loud explosion, and immediately upon the explosion flames coming out of the windows of the shed.

Mrs. Burnes and her children were in the house at the time of the breaking out of the fire and immediately summoned all the men employed on the place to fight the flames. The shed was soon destroyed by the flames, as well as the automobile, and it was only by heroic effort on the part of the men and the assistance of a good-sized stream of water that the residence was saved from destruction.

While Mr. Pierce, the chauffeur, was playing the hose on the fire, there was a second explosion of gasoline or some similar substance and part of the burning oil was thrown onto Pierce's right leg. The leg was severely burned by the oil, causing a painful injury.

It is thought that the chauffeur, when he left the shed at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, left a lantern on the floor of the building, and that this exploded later in the evening, setting fire to the gasoline which was in the machine and also stored in the shed. The loss on the machine was \$3000 and on the shed and fixtures \$1500, making a total loss of about \$4500.

Dr. J. L. Martin, Physician and Surgeon, \$5000 equipments. Latest and most successful methods of examination and treatment. X-ray, Finest Light, Etc.

Dr. Hunt, osteopath, Land Co. Bldg.

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OBERLIN BROS.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS

Harvester Trust Is to Be Investigated.

Good Showing for Indians Was Made By Sherman of New York.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A piecemeal illustrated message from President Roosevelt, pertaining to conditions as he found them on the Isthmus of Panama during his recent visit, occupied the senate during the greater portion of its session today. Printed copies of the message, handsomely bound, were placed on the desk of each senator, and the reading of the document was closely followed.

Preceding the Panama message, the president's recommendations respecting public lands were read. The senate agreed to the holiday adjournment resolutions and will be in recess from the end of the session on Thursday next until January 2d.

Resolutions were agreed to directing an investigation by the department of commerce and labor of the international harvester company to ascertain whether it effects a restraint of trade; also directing the senate judiciary committee to report what authority congress may have under the commerce clause of the constitution to prevent interstate commerce in child-made goods.

In the House.

Consideration of the Indian appropriation bill, carrying \$8,264,000, was begun today in the house. Representative Sherman of New York, chairman

HER CAPTAIN A SUICIDE

Hamburg American Steamer Stranded Off Port Royal.

Commander, Who Was Acting Pilot, Blew Out His Brains.—Passengers Landed.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 17.—The Hamburg-American line tourist steamer, Princess Victoria Louise, from New York, December 12th, for this port, went ashore last night off Port Royal while on her way back to New York. The passengers were landed here safely today.

Captain Brunschwitz, who was in charge of the Victoria Louise when she struck, committed suicide by blowing out his brains.

The German cruiser Bremen has gone to the assistance of the stranded steamer and the French training ship Trombe is preparing to leave port with the same object in view.

The Victoria Louise is pounding heavily and the seas are breaking over her, but hopes are still entertained that she will be saved. She is resting on a rocky ledge.

The body of Captain Brunschwitz is still on the steamer.

In accounting for the stranding of the steamer it is explained that she was without a pilot, and the captain was in charge. He followed a wrong

MEXICO GIVES ASSENT TO PRELIMINARY WORK ON COLORADO RIVER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Mexican government has assented to the proposition of the state department that United States engineers should enter Mexico for the purpose of closing the breach in the walls of the Imperial canal, which is causing the formation of the Salton sea. Senator Flint, of California, will introduce a bill in congress authorizing the holiday re-opening of the canal, making an appropriation to defray the cost of the work.

PANAMA PIPE LINE HAS BEEN TESTED AND WILL BE USEFUL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Cablegrams received at the office of the Union Oil company in Los Angeles say that their new pipe line across the Isthmus of Panama was today tested with 25,000 barrels of salt water. When ready for use, oil will be pumped from the Pacific to the Atlantic through this pipe. The opening of the line is expected to largely solve the fuel problem of the isthmus. Fourteen thousand tons of coal are now used there monthly, but it is anticipated that oil will soon be the fuel in use on the government work.

Roosevelt Will Visit Jamestown.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt told a committee of the National Editorial association today that he would make a speech before their association on the occasion of his visit at the dedication of the Georgia building at the Jamestown exposition in June. The editors will hold their annual convention at Jamestown on the 13th, 14th and 15th of that month.

BISHOP MCABE REPORTED DYING IN NEW YORK HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Bishop Charles C. McCabe of the Methodist Episcopal church, is dying at the New York hospital. Late tonight he was unconscious and the end was said to be a matter of hours. Last Tuesday the bishop was stricken with apoplexy while passing through this city on the way to his home in Philadelphia, and was removed to the hospital. He is 70 years old.


MARYSVILLE, Dec. 17.—Colonel E. A. Forbes, proprietor of the Marysville Appeal and the Union Enterprise, has purchased the Sacramento Union, and will take charge January 21st or 22nd. J. M. Conner, formerly of the San Francisco Call, will be manager.

Win

You will win if you look into our windows. Watch them for Specials for Christmas. This is the time of year we are willing to make it a little easier for the overburdened giver. We know all about it, so we have a fellow feeling.

Dows

Wormiser Furniture Co.



Redlick's

THE END OF THE BIG SUIT SALE IN SIGHT

\$50 Suits \$29.50--\$20 Suits \$9.85--\$35 Suits \$16.85--\$45 Suits \$19.85

A few more days will end the selling of these astonishingly good suits at these very low prices. We have dwelt very strongly on the importance of this sale because it has been a good thing for the store and the purchasers.

The suits are selling at very close to half price, and that at a time when a new suit is most appreciated. It was only through the good nature of a big maker that we got these values.

We might easily have gotten full price for most of them if we had permitted them to go through the regular course of selling, but we preferred the shorter road—to sell them as we bought them; to sell them underprice—and to get the benefit of this excellent kind of advertising.

You might search the state over and you would not be able to match these bargains for actual worth. Every suit was made this season, every suit has a distinctive, individual charm; there are no two just alike; every suit has been perfectly tailored. The woman who reaps at this bargain harvest will never regret the time or money spent.

With many stores shouting "bargains" in the loudest type procurable, it is hard for the woman who wants to shop to the best advantage to tell just what to do. Here is a suggestion: See what every store offers, make your own comparisons, take time enough to buy intelligently, then you will make no mistake. This store gives just such a comparison of values.

Here is our offer, demonstrating how good we know these suits to be:


"If the suit we sell you is not satisfactory after purchasing, if there is a better value anywhere in Fresno, bring back the suit you bought here and we will refund your money." Could any offer be fairer or better than this? Could any proposition be more fairly or clearly put?

Now with this distinct understanding, study these genuine bargains.

\$50 Suits For \$29.50

Magnificent velvet suits. The extreme of good style. Silk velvet of the very finest texture. Blouse Eton, Jacket or Princess style fancy vest effect; some trimmed with Persian braid and embroidery. The skirt is circular plaited, trimmed with folds of self material.

There is a charm of individuality about these suits that will appeal strongly to the woman who wants something out of the ordinary in a tailored suit.



Redlick's

\$20 Suits For \$9.85

It's a remarkable price reduction at this time of the year and if we had not bought these suits at a very low figure, this bargain would not be possible. Suits that have been made to sell at \$17.50 and \$20 are not often picked up to sell at \$9.85. Prince Chaps, Pony Jacket, Eton or Blouse suits; all wool mixtures, serges, chevrons, broadcloths; some satin lined coats, some lined with silk serge, some trimmed with fancy braids. Colors in plain weaves or in fancy mixtures.

\$25, \$30 and \$35 Suits For \$16.85

A very handsome collection of ultra stylish suits. They are in fine serges, chevrons, plaid mixtures, imported broadcloths, panamas and fancy mixtures. There are Pony Jacket, Eton, Prince Chap and Chesterfield suits among them. The jackets silk and satin lined; skirts made with 11 gores and fancily plaited. All sizes still on hand. Alterations extra.

\$35, \$40, \$45 and \$50 Suits For \$19.85

Sample suits; no two just alike. A very distinct and exclusive assortment. The materials are in the high class broadcloths, chevrons, French serges and imported panamas. The jackets are silk and satin lined. The skirts 11 gores and others in the circular plaited styles.



\$11.95 Men's Suits Create a Sensation

There's nothing like them in all Fresno. The suits will match any that are selling for \$15 or \$17.50 in other stores.

You may be sure we wouldn't give this \$11.95 suit sale the prominence we do, if we didn't know it was worth the effort.

Put on one of these \$11.95 suits and we will defy your friends to guess within ten dollars of the price you paid.

The fit is as good as in the very finest garments. The making is as carefully done, the tailoring is all that can reasonably be expected. The materials are all wool, every thread, and the patterns are all to the good. The new things in gray, the new browns, the best of blue serges, and in Scotch tweeds.

Our own tailors will make any needed alterations, free of cost to you.

Men's Silk Handkerchiefs 19¢.

A limited quantity only on hand; real silk; fair size; colored border.

Fancy Socks, 12 1/2¢.

We will sell every day this week men's fancy socks in good cotton, fast color. Hosiery worth up to 25¢ a pair, for 12 1/2¢.

The patterns are extremely good and the socks will give long service.

Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets.

Here by scores—beyond question the very best collection in Fresno.

New pattern ideas. Colors that will please a man. Nothing will give him more satisfaction. Come and make your choice early. Prices from **\$10.00 to \$3.**

Men's Neckwear Sales.

We have just received some very handsome silk neckwear from New York. The very latest colorings and patterns. The designs are the same as in the most expensive neckwear. Choice for **75¢, 50¢, 25¢.**

Meat Specials

The very best of meats at the very lowest of prices. That's the way this meat business has grown to such wonderful proportions.

Round Steak, lb. **10¢**
Shoulder Rib Steak, lb. **10¢**
Kump Roast, lb. **10¢**
Shoulder of Mutton, lb. **10¢**
Hamburger Steak, lb. **10¢**
Boiling Beef, lb. **8¢**

Grocery News

Home-made Mince Pies, 12¢ size **12¢**
Fresh Buns, dozen **8¢**
Surprise Coffee, lb. **25¢**
Christmas Mixed Cakes, 10-lb. box **\$1.15**
Fancy Cabbage, lb. 2¢
Seeded Raisins, 1-lb. pkg. **10¢**
Fancy genuine Santa Clara Prunes, 3 lbs. **25¢**
Imported Macaroni, pkg. **10¢**
Martin's Eastern Cheese, lb. **21¢**
Breakfast Cheese, 3 for. **10¢**
Sour Pickles, qt. **10¢**
Broken Rice, lb. **5¢**

Infants' Sacques.

Very handsome little affairs in white, cashmere, kimono style. Sells regularly at \$1.75. Today for **\$1.50**

White French flannel sacques; handsomely embroidered on collar and cuffs; finished with silk button hole stitch. 22 grades. Today for **\$1.75**

Children's white flannel gowns; full size; full cut; nicely finished. An extra good gown. Today for **50¢**

Closing Out the Toy Dept.

We are going out of the toy business. We are selling off every single article in the toy department at a reduction in price of ten to fifty per cent.

It's the biggest chance to save money on toy purchases ever offered to a Fresno public.

Every item is marked in plain figures—the price reduction is apparent at a glance. The money you expect to spend for toys will buy much more than you anticipate if you do all of your purchasing here.

These Extra Specials for Today.

Tricycles—Steel wheels. \$3 kind, Today, **\$1.98.**

Kid Dolls—All kind; sleeping eyes; jointed bodies. 35¢ kind. For **17¢.**

Drums—\$1.50 drums for **98¢**; \$1.25 drums for **75¢**; \$1 drums for **50¢**; 75¢ drums for **35¢**; 50¢ drums for **19¢.**

Guns—50¢ pop guns, **19¢**; \$1.50 repeating rifles for **98¢**; \$1.25 air rifles for **73¢.**

Coaster Wagons—Wood body, steel wheels, steel axles. \$2.50 kind, **\$1.89.**

Doll Go Carts—Steel wheels, steel axles, wire frames. \$2 kind, **\$1.25.**

Wood Saws and Bucks—15 inch size; complete. 50¢ kind, **23¢.**

Iron Stoves—An extra special. A steel range worth \$2.25. Today for **\$1.23.**

